

NEWS

Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale gets underway



The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association is once again helping the community arrest some holiday spirit through its annual Christmas tree and wreath sale. The 13th annual Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale has continued to grow in interest every year. The association plans to sell approximately 200 trees, ranging in price from \$20 to \$40. **3A**

SPORTS

Senior-heavy team learns new offense for 2008-2009 season



This year's Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team — a group that will be senior-heavy with nine 12th graders — is learning a new offense as part of its preparation for the 2008-2009 season, which starts with a game at Roscommon next Tuesday. **1B**

Strong group of returners to lead this year's wrestling team



The Grayling High School wrestling team — a squad that has an active streak of two consecutive district titles — will rely heavily on a strong group of returning wrestlers during its quest for a third straight district championship and a second consecutive conference title this year. **1B**

INDEX

Business Directory	8-10A
Church Directory	6A
Classifieds	6-8B
Facts & Features	5B
Legal Notices	3-4B
Opinions	4A
Sports	1-3B, 8B
Obituaries	11A

Vol. 130 - No. 50, 20
PAGES - 2 SECTIONS
P.O. Box 490,
102 Michigan Avenue,
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-6811

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

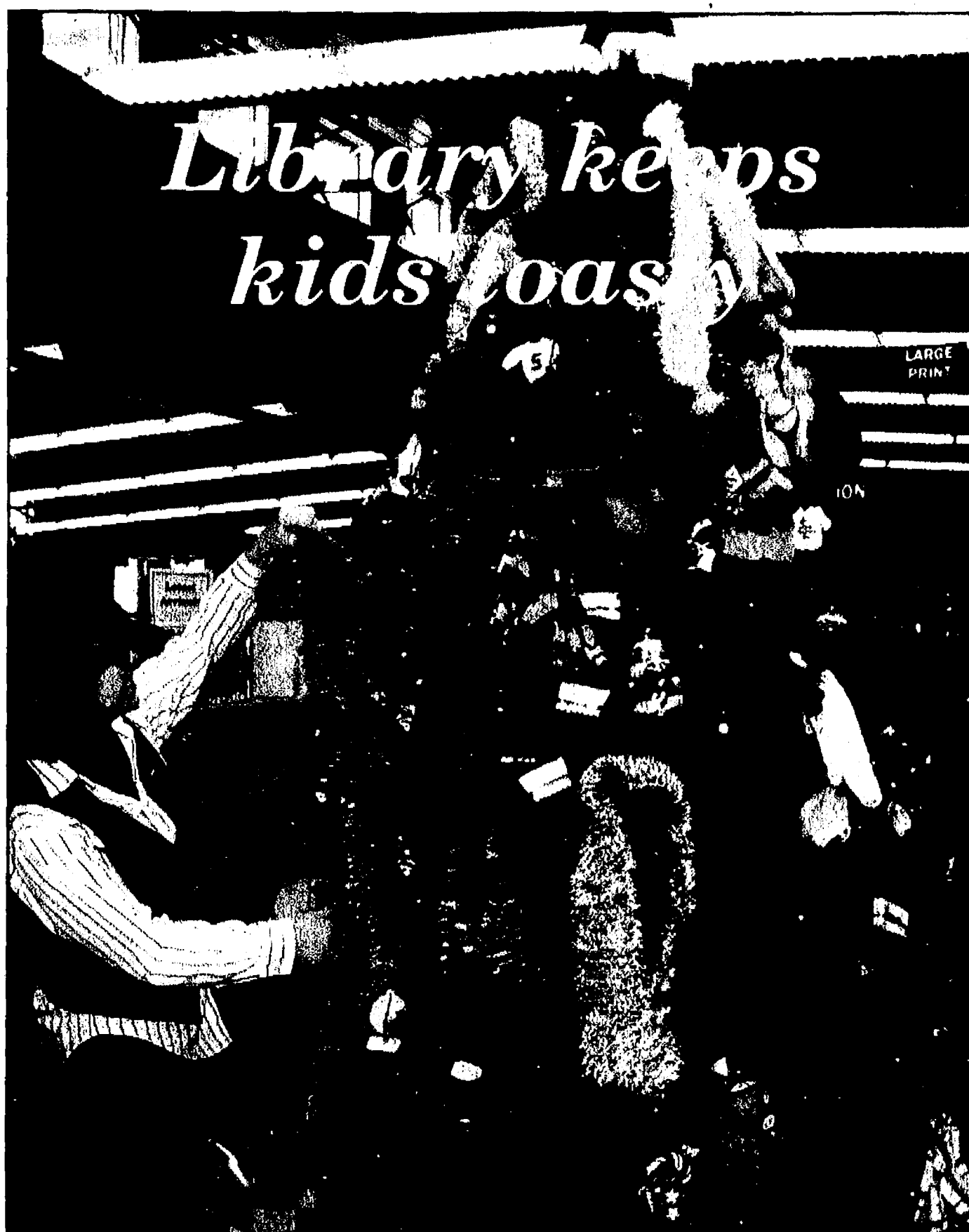


Crawford County Avalanche

Grayling's Hometown Newspaper Since 1879

75 CENTS

Thursday, December 4, 2008



Librarian Jane Gyulveszi places an item on the Friends of the Crawford County Library mitten tree. Children's hats, gloves, scarves and mittens are being collected at all four Crawford County Library branch locations for placement on the tree. Donated items can be store bought or homemade. Library branches will continue to collect donations until Dec. 12.

Flu shots widely available

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Feeling a winter chill? Although it may be impossible to be prepared for everything, local health department officials say that there's no reason why Crawford County residents should need to suffer from the most common strain of the flu this season.

In Michigan, influenza season begins in October and generally tends to peak mid-winter.

According to an article published in the April 18, 2008, edition of the New York Times, 200,000 people are hospitalized and 36,000 people die in the United States each year from the flu.

Crowded schools are a common place for the virus to spread. Hope College in Holland temporarily cancelled classes in response to an outbreak last month. These kinds of outbreaks are not surprising to health officials, considering that a single sneeze can launch germs as far as 40 feet.

Despite the fact that preliminary statewide statistics indicate that instances of the flu are down from this time last year, Ann Young of the Crawford County Health Department said that yearly immunizations are always worthwhile, especially for kids.

"There's no reason why a child should ever go without being vaccinated," said Young.

The health department administered around 600 flu shots last year. Despite nationwide concerns about flu vaccine shortages a few years ago, Young does not anticipate any similar issues this season.

See **FLU SHOTS** | 7A

Hanson Hills gearing up for winter season

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Local ski enthusiasts would be well advised to dust off their winter gear and bust out the ski wax. Hanson Hills is almost ready to open for another winter season.

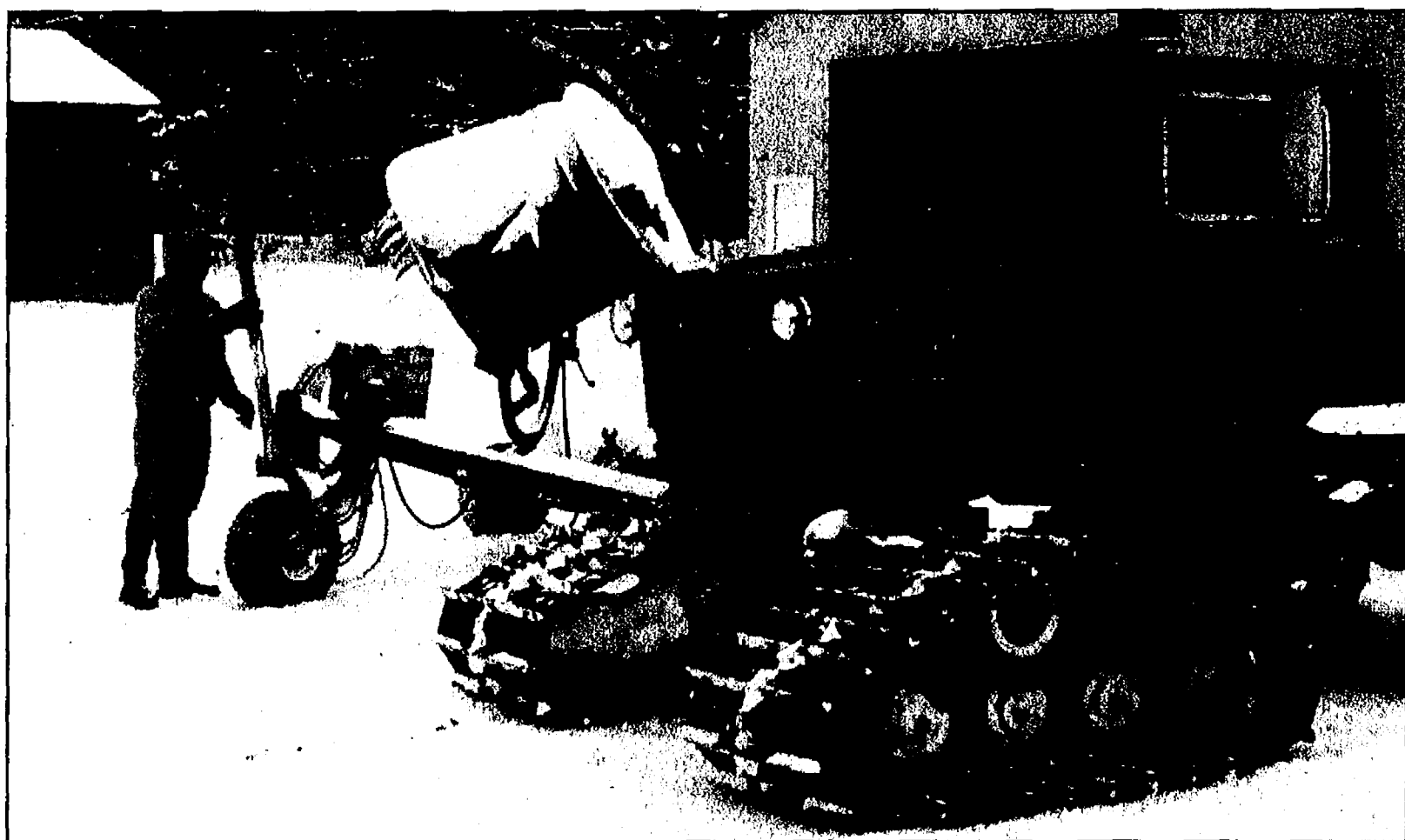
Actually, the local recreation park is already open for cross country ski enthusiasts. Park employees began grooming the trails two weeks ago.

"What we have right now is as good as we can get it," said Park Director Justin Andre.

Currently, two out of five cross country loops are open to nordic skiers.

"We could open the rest of them, but it's just a lot of work with the trails being

See **HANSON** | 7A



Billy Partello prepares a snow making machine to be transported onto the slopes. Hanson Hills is scheduled to open on Dec. 19, but may open even earlier if heavy snowfall continues.

Getting a piece of the pie



Nancy Brooks (left) and Mary Robinson (right) cut slices of pumpkin pie for this year's Community Thanksgiving, held at the Camp Grayling Armory. More than 800 meals were served overall, including 437 home deliveries. Almost 100 more meals were served than at last year's event. "We had more volunteers than we've ever, ever had," said event organizer Therese Kaiser. "I tell you, this is definitely a community with a heart."

Crawford County Transportation Authority

Weekday Scheduled Services to:

FREDERIC & MAPLE FOREST		LOVELLS
Leaves Grayling 5:45 a.m.	Leaves Grayling 9:00 a.m.	
Leaves Grayling 6:45 a.m.	Leaves Grayling 11:30 a.m.	
Leaves Grayling 9:00 a.m.	Leaves Grayling 1:30 p.m.	
Leaves Grayling 11:30 a.m.	Leaves Grayling 3:30 p.m.	
Leaves Grayling 1:15 p.m.	Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.	
Leaves Grayling 3:30 p.m.		
Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.		

M-72 EAST		BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON
Leaves Grayling 6:00 a.m.	Leaves Grayling 7:30 a.m.	
Leaves Grayling 6:45 a.m.	Leaves Grayling 11:00 a.m.	
Leaves Grayling 7:00 a.m.	Leaves Grayling 1:00 p.m. *	
Leaves Grayling 11:30 a.m.	Leaves Grayling 2:15 p.m.	
Leaves Grayling 1:30 p.m.	Leaves Grayling 4:30 p.m.	
Leaves Grayling 3:30 p.m.	*The 1:00 p.m. south run	
Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.	does not go all the way into Roscommon.	

To request weekday demand response services call dispatch @ 348-5409

M-72 WEST
Demand response service calls worked in between other runs.

ROSCOMMON HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS

Individuals requiring transportation for specialty medical services, but unable to obtain this service, may be eligible for transportation services.

Information regarding this program is available by contacting Julee Dean @ 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS:

Scheduled For December 2008

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Odawa Casino

Call to reserve you seat today!

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Julee @ 348-8215

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:

Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events. Such as the Milltown Festival.

To request information concerning expanded services call Richard @ 348-4101

Pets celebrate the holidays



Last Saturday, the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter hosted its annual event where families can get photos of their pets with Santa Claus. Proceeds from the event support the shelter's operations. Pictured (from left to right) are Patty Redinger, Santa Claus, Rylee Plauman and Doris Plauman. The cat pictured is A.C. Goodman and the dog is Steve the Doberman.

Lovells Township Fire Department nets grant

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Lovells Township Fire Department was awarded a federal grant to help boost communication for volunteer firefighters and emergency responders.

The Lovells Township Fire Department received a \$56,330 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. The grant came through the Assistance to Firefighters program.

The grant will be used to purchase six mobile 800 megahertz radios for fire trucks and ambulances. A dozen portable 800 megahertz radios will also be purchased with the grant dollars. There are currently 12 volunteer firefighters and emergency responders that serve the Lovells Township Fire Department. Finally, an 800 megahertz base radio, which

will be kept at the Lovells Township Fire Department, will also be purchased with the grant.

Gary Lewicki, the fire chief for the Lovells Township Fire Department, said the new radios will replace high-band models that are nearing 10-years-old. The department handles an average of 60 medical runs and 20 fire runs per year.

"Being in a rural area, we're hoping that the 800 megahertz radios will improve communication with dispatch and amongst ourselves," Lewicki said. "With the high-band system, it's been kind of hit or miss."

The State of Michigan implemented technology and erected the towers for the 800 megahertz radio system in northern Michigan in 2000. The entire state was covered with the high tech emergency system in 2002, which allows firefighters and emergency personnel to communicate

with one another no matter where they are in the state.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recently awarded over \$1.7 million in Assistance to Firefighters grants to dozens of local fire departments and organizations throughout the state. Nationally, \$500 million will be awarded to fire departments and emergency medical service organizations in 2008.

"The Assistance to Firefighters grant programs are the result of a major effort by the federal government to ensure the provision of a solid foundation for local fire and emergency response services," said Greg Cade, administrator for the United States Fire Administration. "These grants help to ensure the nation's firefighters have the basic tools and resources necessary to perform their responsibilities and, therefore, to ultimately save lives and continue to protect all residents from fire."

Lewicki said he is pleased that federal officials and Michigan lawmakers in Washington D.C. helped push the township's grant request through for approval.

"It's nice to see the federal money coming back to our community to support EMS and fire services," Lewicki said.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sponsored by Grayling American Legion and Auxiliary

Saturday December 13

1 pm - 2:30 pm (8 and under) • 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm (9 and over)

American Legion Hall

106 James Street

Lots of Drawings for Great Prizes

Drawings for Sports Equipment

Please bring your Friends and join Santa

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED

4 Free Bicycles Raffles

Free Photos with Santa Free Stuffed Stockings

Free Ice Cream, Soft Drinks Hot Chocolate & Doughnut Holes

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN

GRAYLING FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC, P.C.

1010 N. Down River Rd. W • Grayling, MI 49738

Grayling Family Practice is pleased to announce that **Dr. Geoffrey M. Day** Board Certified Podiatrist and Foot Surgeon will be seeing patients on Fridays at the Clinic. Dr. Day is a Diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine. In addition, he is on the medical staff at Northern Michigan Hospital, Mackinac Straits Hospital, and Helen Newberry Joy Hospital.

Call now for an appointment

989-348-7671

Halls Ave. FOR RENT

with kitchen

- Wedding Reception•
- Graduations•
- Showers•
- Birthdays•
- Offsite Training•

Roscommon Knights of Columbus

Call 989-821-8726

Room 165, West Federal Hwy • Roscommon •



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association 13th annual Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale got underway on Monday, in the Grayling Kmart parking lot, in order to provide a brighter holiday for some youngsters. Above, Renee Christman, a corrections officer, and John MacDonald, a road patrol deputy, volunteer to sell trees during chilly temperatures on Tuesday.

Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale gets underway

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association is once again helping the community arrest some holiday spirit through its annual Christmas tree and wreath sale.

The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association Christmas tree sale got underway on Monday, in the Grayling Kmart parking lot, in order to provide a brighter holiday for some youngsters.

The 13th annual Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale has continued to grow in interest every year and has brought people from all over the State of Michigan, who either buy a tree or donate money to the program.

The association plans to sell approximately 200 trees, ranging in price from \$20 to \$40. Douglas fir and black hills spruce trees are \$40, blue spruce are \$35 and scotch trees are \$20.

Twenty-four inch wreaths

are being sold for \$20. A swag, featuring a candy cane themed bouquet, is also being sold for \$20. Finally, a smaller holiday themed swag is available for \$10.

Most of the proceeds go towards the Cops for Kids program. The deputies will take about 20 kids shopping at the Grayling Kmart for much needed items, such as coats, mittens and hats, along with a couple of fun items for the children and their families.

Currently, Jason Alexander, the school liaison officer for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, is working with teachers to identify students for the shopping trip.

Theresa Andrews, chief records clerk for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and treasurer for the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association, said children from entire families can go on the trip if their kids are enrolled in various grade levels.

"The whole family partic-

ipates and we don't want to leave anyone out," Andrews said.

After the shopping excursion, the children are also treated to lunch at the Grayling Pizza Hut before they are taken home with a large food basket donated by the Grayling Eagles Club's Ladies Auxiliary.

Deputy Shawn Schnoor, the president of the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association, said that the program helps keep deputies in the holiday spirit and the outreach is part of their mission to serve and protect the community.

"The whole program is strictly about helping the kids in the community that are less fortunate than others," Schnoor said. "It means a great deal to everyone that works here. This is the community we live and work in and we want to help people any way we can."

The program also assists in funding other youth-oriented events throughout the county, including the Crawford County Sheriff's

Office Bicycle Rodeo, the Grayling Little League and a college scholarship for a local high school graduate. In the last two years, the association also purchased backpacks and school supplies for children starting out the school year.

Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Andrews at 989-344-3213, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

INSURANCE IS A CONSTANTLY CHANGING INDUSTRY.
You often have questions that need to be answered.
We will expertly guide you through the confusion of coverage and cost.

FOR

- Home • Life • Auto
- Health, and
- Business Insurance

Call on the
Grayling
Insurance
Agency Team



Jeanne Bulmer, Brian McGuinness, Andrea Lesh

GRAYLING INSURANCE AGENCY
"WE MAKE IT HAPPEN"

2375 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling (989) 348-2851
Located next to Century 21 • Across from the Grayling Mini Mall

MyBlue

It's your life. Choose your health plan.

MyBlue is Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's new suite of individual health plans. We have a MyBlue plan to fit your needs and budget.

Flexible Blue™ is a comprehensive health coverage that can be combined with a health savings account.

- HSA withdrawals for qualified medical expenses are tax-exempt
- HSA contributions earn interest
- Balance carries over annually

Call CORNELL AGENCY at 348-6761 for MyBlue information.

The Helpful Place for All Your Holiday Needs

ACE
The helpful place.

5 Pc. Card Table Set \$49.99

- Additional holiday seating, or perfect for games
- Includes table and 4 padded chairs
- Steel construction, black finish 8209868

\$1.99 Ea.

70 Ct. Mini Light Set
• Clear or Multi-Color
9121328, 9121427

\$4.99 Ea.

35 Ct. C6 LED Light Set
• White or Multi-Color
• Connect up to 85 sets
9121112, 9121120

LOWEST PRICE OF THE SEASON!

McLean's Hardware
209 S. James Street • Grayling • 348-2931
Mon - Fri 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat 8 am - 5:30 pm Sun 9 am - 2 pm

Tired of Limited Options?
HIGH bills got you down?
Make the move to **M33 Access**

FREE Caller ID **3.9 cents/minute long distance*** **Keep your existing phone number!**

Residential DSL \$45.99 mo.
and traditional phone service

*3.9 cents/min. long distance - continental U.S.

Promotion available in the Grayling (348) telephone exchange.

DSL SPEEDS:
1536 KB/SEC DOWNLOAD
384 KB/SEC UPLOAD

Business T1 Lines* \$99.95 mo.
only \$9.95 per phone line

Phone service provided by:

M33Access
The power of the Internet and beyond

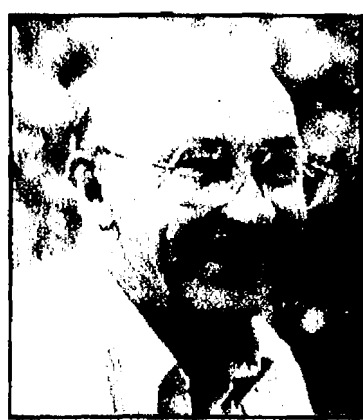
Michigan Access
It's your call

Call now (989) 685-3027
Toll Free (888) 686-5999
www.m33access.com

LOCAL tech support

* 1 year price guarantee, 3 MONTH commitment
* Standard telco fees apply ** Equipment may vary by customer option needs

Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Auto company woes resound throughout country

MICHIGANIANS ARE caught in an intensifying cauldron of economic problems these days.

It's bad enough that we've been undergoing a one-state recession for many months — Michigan's unemployment rate has reached double digits — but the actual existence of Michigan's life-blood job provider since most of us can remember may be in serious jeopardy.

General Motors, Ford and Chrysler need money, and need it fast. The three companies are asking the federal government — that is, the taxpayers — for a loan of \$25 billion to help them turn the corner. So far, Congress — the custodian of the taxpayers' money — has turned a cold shoulder to the request.

Without an immediate infusion of cash, we are told, GM could run out of operating money before year end. Ford and Chrysler have indicated they can last a few weeks longer, but they will need operating cash, too.

Many competent voices have suggested the government should keep hands off,

and if bankruptcy and closures follow, then so be it; that's the way of our free enterprise system, which has permitted the auto companies to grow and prosper all these years.

That may be fine for economists and professors and other big thinkers to propose, but to those who depend on auto company checks to put food on the table, that line of reasoning is not very reassuring.

IT'S DIFFICULT to digest the reality that one or more of our Big Three automakers may go out of business, let alone that all three are in serious dollar trouble.

Figures fly all over the place about the potential economic impact of auto manufacture deaths or downsizing.

According to figures printed recently in the *New York Times*, 250,000 direct auto company jobs are in peril, along with 750,000 other jobs involved in providing materials, parts and services to the manufacturing plants.

Every main street in America will be hit, too, considering that many home town communities house smaller plants that supply all sorts of materials and services to the Big Three auto builders.

A further and deeper hit would occur if all the locally owned and operated car dealerships which sell and service American made vehicles should follow the fate of the auto makers.

Then there are the businesses that supply goods and services to those who would lose their auto-related jobs — restaurants, retail stores, personal services, and the like.

The economic ripple effect could bring total job losses to 2.5 million across the country. That's big trouble.

TOP BRASS at General Motors, Ford and Chrysler — arm in arm with the president of the UAW which represents workers at all three companies — went to Congress with hat in hand in November, asking for a \$25 billion loan for immediate

operating capital.

Their request immediately became wrongly identified by the public as another "bailout" similar to the billions of dollars being doled out by the US treasury to banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions. The auto deal would be a loan, to be repaid, and not a give away of taxpayer dollars.

Several members of Congress seemed to delight in taunting the executives about how they got to Washington — each came in his own company jet — and in how much money they were being paid already, and how come with those big salaries they can't figure out some way to make a profit.

So the politicians demanded specific plans on how the companies plan to spend the \$25 billion and what they will do to become profitable. Then, the politicians said, they will decide what to do for the troubled auto industry — if anything.

According to printed reports, the plans may include such steps as restructuring present debt

schedules, cutting white collar jobs, eliminating some car models, even reducing executive pay and bonus systems. GM already has made Tiger Woods a promotional casualty and GM Super Bowl advertising has been canceled.

The UAW has announced willingness to reopen its contracts to see if satisfactory savings can be found.

The plans are being submitted this week, with congressional reaction, action, or inaction to follow.

IN MY VIEW, only one answer makes sense, and that is to approve the loan. The impact of the auto industry on people across the country is too severe to jeopardize.

A few points to keep in mind while these decisions develop in coming days:

— Although Ford, General Motors and Chrysler are acting in concert in seeking \$25 billion, their individual needs are different, and their recovery plans will be different.

— The three companies remain competitors, and

will continue to compete with each other, as well as with the other foreign-based car makers, many of which also employ thousands of workers within the United States.

— The crisis in the auto industry has been developing for some time, and the nation's current credit and financial problems make it much worse. The auto crisis is not a short term problem, and a \$25 billion loan is not a long term answer.

— Regardless of what happens in Washington, it is doubtful that all three American car makers will survive. In fact, Chrysler already has been studying its business future, including discussions a few months ago with GM about possibly merging efforts in some way. The Big Three likely will become the Big Two in the not too distant future, with Ford and GM the likely survivors.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Crawford County Avalanche

102 Michigan Ave.
P.O. Box 490,
Grayling, MI 49738

PHONE 989-348-6811

FAX 989-348-6806

avalanche@i2k.net

Linda Golnick

General Manager

linda@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

caleb@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

dan@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Matt Seager

Staff Writer

Debbie St. Germain

Advertising Sales

debbie@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Pam Engel

Advertising Sales

pam@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Ruth Biggar

Business Office

Kim Cothran

Business Office

classifieds@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Marcus Marelich

Composition

graphics@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Amber Edgerton

Composition

Julie Doremire

Composition

Keith Sowulewski

Composition

Published by Crawford County Avalanche, Inc., Ann Marie Milliman, president.

Member of the Michigan Press Association and the National Newspaper Association.

All rights reserved. Copyright The Crawford County Avalanche. This content may not be archived, retransmitted, saved in a database, or used for any commercial purpose without the express written permission of The Crawford County Avalanche.

USPS 136-860. Entered as Periodicals at the Post Office at Grayling, MI 49738 under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1919. Published each Tuesday at 102 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

For changing address, send US Post Office Form 3579 to the Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738.

Subscription Rates: One year permanent subscription in Crawford, Benzie, Kalkaska, Otsego, and Oscoda counties, \$20.00; Seasonal address changes add \$4.00; One year non-local, outside above counties, \$30.00; Foreign Countries, \$60.00; Senior Citizen discount (60 or older) \$2.00 off any of the above rates. Subscriptions rates are non-refundable.

Check us out on the Internet:

crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Letters to the Editor

No child left behind ... except for kids with dyslexia

To the editor:

It was an epiphany! We looked for the missing piece to the puzzle for a decade, and the answer was suddenly right there on www.BrightSolutions.US, a Web site my daughter visited because her youngest son complained of reading problems he has having. She was looking to help Nolan, but found out by accident that Zachary, Nolan's older brother and our 7th grade "puzzle" child, had almost all the classic symptoms and warning signs of dyslexia and dysgraphia. This Web site gave us answers to all of Zachary's problems he'd been suffering with since preschool and how to help retrain his brain with special reading and spelling programs geared to dyslexic students.

However, we found there are no protocols mandated by the State of Michigan to test for dyslexia in the school system or to provide adequate reading and spelling programs as a classroom accommodation appropriate to address these learning problems.

Dyslexia is a language processing disorder, an oral and written receptive and expressive language learning disability that also impacts directionality and the ability to memorize random facts.

Dyslexia is inherited. It can range from mild to profound. Warning signs of dyslexia start to appear as early as age one.

A child can be accurately tested for dyslexia as early as age five. It is not rare. It affects 20 percent of our population, which is one out

of five. It is the most common reason a child will struggle with spelling, writing and eventually with reading.

Children with dyslexia can read, but they have to use different strategies to help them get by. Those strategies will fail them by third to fourth grade, if not sooner, and their academic marks may begin a downward spiral.

The National Institute of Health has been studying dyslexia for more than 25 years. Doctors and educators have known about dyslexia since the 1930s.

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction.

Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

The reading, spelling and writing failure caused by dyslexia is preventable and fixable, by teaching them an Orton-Gillingham based system (which has been in use since the 1930s). This system is readily available in many programs. Teachers can apply for grants to get these programs without cost to them.

As you can see, dyslexia has been in the education vocabulary for a long time, but it seems the best that Michigan schools can offer is to refer a child through the State's Special Education Department ... and that is not enough.

Dyslexic children, for the most part, are not mentally or physically challenged or slow. Quite to the contrary they may test as bright. Teachers and tutors instead need to address the specific learning problems of dyslexia and provide adequate reading and spelling programs to retrain the brain.

The State of Michigan needs to find these children through testing specific to dyslexia and then implement the programs.

These students continue to be ignored and fall through the cracks of Michigan's current educational system, in spite of and contrary to the No Child Left Behind Act.

What happens when children are unsuccessful in attaining grade level status in reading and spelling? In a realistic case scenario, they are deemed a hopeless failure and are blindly pushed from grade to grade. And, when the frustration reaches its limit, they quit. They become high school dropouts.

We need to find these children, test them and get them back on track with the right curriculum.

These children may not be able to achieve a high school diploma because they cannot fulfill the current mandates newly imposed by the State of Michigan, which are intensely geared to the col-

lege-bound student. How can a child study a foreign language when he or she cannot even cope with the English language?

How can a child achieve success with algebra when one cannot even memorize math facts or formulas?

How can they learn history, science and economics when they cannot read sufficiently to comprehend them? Many dyslexic children can't.

If what our family experienced in our research thus far is the "status quo," then the State of Michigan needs to "kick things up a notch" to meet the needs of its school children with dyslexia so that no child is left behind.

Texas has a wonderful program for dyslexic students. Colorado and Mississippi have recently passed legislation as well. And, if they can do it, then so can Michigan.

Please join me on a mission for change. Write to our governor and legislators. Write to the Michigan Department of Education. Write to the schools, public and private. We need an education bill passed immediately.

Our dyslexic kids, no matter how young or how old, desperately need these testing protocols and special curriculums. We need to give them hope for the future.

The Web site references are Bright Solutions for Dyslexia Inc. and the Michigan Dyslexia Institute.

Margaret M. VanGorp
Houghton Lake

Community Thanksgiving Dinner was wonderful

To the editor:

Commendations for those responsible for the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner. The ones who donated money, food and time.

We have delivered the meals for several years and the smiles on the faces, and the heartfelt thanks of those receiving meals, were wonderful enough to last all year. There must have been over 100 volunteers at the armory cooking, filling plates, packing meals for delivery and delivering meals.

The organization packed over 400 meals to be delivered, which was incredible, and everything went like clockwork. We were among the last drivers and we were out of the armory with our meals in about 50 minutes.

That is unbelievable! You did yourselves proud ... again.

Mary C. Parker
Grayling

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Briefs

Kiwanis to deliver Goodfellows paper

The Grayling Kiwanis Club will be delivering the Goodfellows newspapers to the Crawford County community on Friday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 6. They will be at Glen's Market from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and in front of the post office from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, contact Tammy Slavik at Chemical Bank.

Shelter to hold Paws to Cherish event

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter will hold an event to celebrate the animals that have brought joy into our lives on Friday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. For a \$5 donation, you can honor your pet by placing their name on a "Paws to Cherish" ornament. Ornaments will also be on sale before the event. This event will be held at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, 5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling.

Lovells to hold Christmas party

The Lovells Community Potluck Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road. Cold cuts and beverages will be provided, bring a dish to pass. There will be goodwill bingo, and after bingo, the children will gather to sing and a special guest will handout gifts to the children.

Credit Union to collect canned goods

North Central Area Credit Union will be collecting canned food items for the local food pantry until Dec. 12. You may drop off canned items from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at your local North Central Area Credit Union location.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual Christmas meeting at noon on Dec. 10, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Bring a \$5 gift, a dish to pass and a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

VFW Post #3736 to hold potluck

The VFW Post #3736, and the Ladies Auxiliary, will hold a potluck on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at noon, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Bring a dish to pass. Family members are welcome. Call Deb, at 348-4128, with any questions. Table settings will be provided.

Moose Lodge to host Christmas party

A Christmas party, for kids ages 0 - 8, will be held at the Grayling Moose Lodge on Dec. 6, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Santa will be there. A toy stuffed stocking will be given and pictures with Santa will be taken.

Hospice tree lighting to be held

Hospice of Michigan's annual Light up a Life tree lighting will be held on Dec. 6 at the Pavilion in downtown Gaylord. Join Hospice of Michigan and community families for the tree lighting and memorializing or honoring of loved ones. To purchase a symbolic bulb for dedication, call Shirley Haan at 989-358-4280.

Store to raise money for help center

A fund-raiser to benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center will be held during the first two weeks of December at the Save-A-Lot store in Grayling. Grocery bag certificates will be for sale for one dollar or five dollars, with all the money going to help families in our community during the Christmas season.

MERF awarding scholarships

Each year, the American Mensa Education and Research Foundation (MERF) makes available more than \$60,000 in regional and national scholarship funds.

In addition, Northern Michigan Mensa is offering a local scholarship of \$500. Prizes are awarded based on essays written by the applicants regarding their academic and career goals.

Applicants must be citizens or residents of the United States and planning to enroll in a degree program at an accredited institution of higher learning in fall of 2009.

Membership in Mensa is not a requirement in this scholarship contest, nor is

there any age requirement. The competition ends on Jan. 15, and all essays must be submitted by that date to be eligible for consideration.

For more details, those interested should go online to www.nmm.us.mensa.org and click on Scholarships. Alternatively, applicants can phone 231-275-6735 for more information.

More than 4.9 million in tax refunds due to Michigianians

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for 7,831 Michigianians who are missing more than \$4.9 million in economic stimulus payments and tax refund checks that were returned by the U.S. Postal Service due to mailing address errors. Nationwide, the IRS has more than 279,000 economic stimulus checks totaling about \$163 million and more than 104,000 regular refund checks totaling about \$103 million.

"We very much want to get this money into the hands of taxpayers where it belongs," said IRS Spokesperson, Luis D. Garcia. "There are a number of ways people can update their address with the IRS but using direct deposit next time will avoid all the headaches. All a taxpayer has to do is update their address once and we will send out all checks due."

It is crucial that taxpayers who may be due a stimulus check update their addresses with the IRS by Nov. 28, 2008. By law, economic stimulus checks must be sent out by Dec. 31 of this year. The undeliverable economic stimulus checks average \$552. The "Where's My Stimulus Payment?" tool on IRS.gov is the quickest and easiest way for a taxpayer to check the status of a stimulus check and receive instructions on how to update his or her address. Taxpayers without internet access should call 1-866-234-2942.

Regular tax refund checks returned to the IRS average \$837. These checks are resent as soon as taxpayers update their address. Taxpayers can update their addresses with the "Where's My Refund?" tool on IRS.gov. It enables taxpayers to check the status of their refunds. A taxpayer must submit his or her social security number, filing status and amount of refund shown on their 2007 return.

MDOT seeks public comment

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is seeking public comment on its draft 2009-2013 Five Year Transportation Program. Comments should be e-mailed to MDOT Five-Year Program at michigan.gov before Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008.

The draft 2009-2013 Five Year Transportation Program is available on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot5 yearplan.

The Five Year Transportation Program, a continuous, interactive dialogue with the department's customers and stakeholders, has become the anchor of MDOT's project development and delivery systems. Each year, a new fifth year is added and program and project adjustments are made to the previous four years.

Taxpayers checking on a refund over the phone will be given instructions on how to update their addresses. Taxpayers can access a telephone version of "Where's My Refund?" by calling 1-800-829-1954.

Taxpayers not sure of which type of check they may be due should check on a potential economic stimulus check first because of the looming deadline. See instructions above.

The vast majority of checks mailed out by the IRS reach their rightful owners every year. Only a very small percent are returned by the U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable. Through September 2008, the government distributed 116 million economic stimulus payments with only about 279,000 checks being undeliverable or about one-quarter of one percent. Meanwhile, the IRS has distributed more than 105 million regular refunds this year with only about 104,000 being undeliverable or one-tenth of one percent.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to choose direct deposit when they file their return because it puts an end to lost, stolen or undeliverable checks. Taxpayers can receive refunds directly into their personal checking or savings accounts. Direct deposit is available for filers of both paper and electronic returns. The IRS also encourages taxpayers to file their tax returns electronically because e-file eliminates the risk of lost paper returns. E-file also reduces errors and speeds up refunds.

The IRS never initiates e-mails. Don't fall for any e-mail scams about your refund. The IRS will never request personal information via an unsolicited e-mail.

Northern Timberlands

Forest Management & Timber Harvesting Professionals

Forest Fact:

Michigan's forests are growing 2.5 times more than is being harvested each year.

Planting Timber

Hardwood, Aspen and

Our Professional Foresters

- Timber: Standing, Roadside or Delivered
- Free Forest Management Plans
- Timber Harvesting Operations
- Wildlife Habitat Improvement Projects

989-983-9688

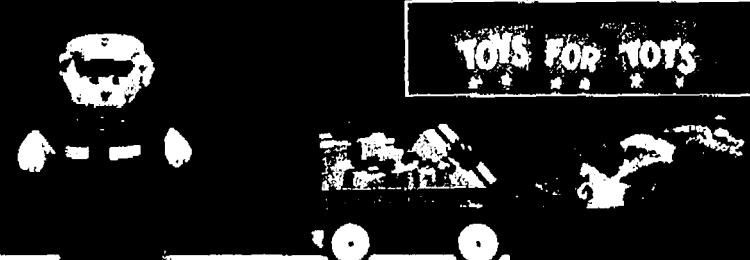
www.ntimberlands.com

Sangomore's the Restaurant at Forest Dunes

Toys for Tots Community Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 7th
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy or cash donation in exchange for breakfast.



Santa and his Elves will be visiting with a treat for all children who bring a donation!

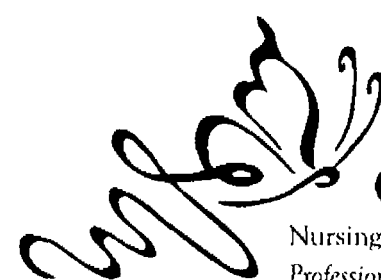
For additional information or directions please contact Rick Coates, Food and Beverage Director (989) 275-0700 ext. 119



Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community

Caring for your loved ones

We have so much to offer for those needing skilled services in our community



Grayling
Nursing and Rehabilitation Community
Professional Care, Personal Caring

331 Meadows Drive • Grayling MI 49738-2005

• 56 Private Rooms, having your own room is better than sharing. You can personalize your space with your own comfortable recliner.

• Our rates offer tremendous value.

• Therapy Condo - receive rehabilitation in an environment set up much like your home, so you are prepared to live independently again. Actual Golf Putting green on patio for relaxation or therapy.

• Secure environment. Alarm system at every exit. Spacious facility. Clean, fresh and odor free.

• We accept Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance, VA Contracts, and private Pay.

• Rehab Dept. is equipped to get you back on your highest potential.

• 5 short minutes from the hospital. Area physicians come to the facility regularly. X-rays can be done in house. Podiatrist. Mental health. Vision Services all provided in house through contracted services.

• Longevity in Staffing. Well trained 24 hour staff.

• Nutritious meals served buffet style.

• Activities to meet your needs. Don't sit home alone build friendships without having to leave the house.

We accommodate your needs with short/long term stays or respite.

CARING IS WHAT WE DO BEST
Come check us out or call
Marilyn Heard
989-348-2801

Grayling Promotional Association would like to thank the following for participating in the 2008 Festival of Trees

Gold Sponsor
Northern Lawn & Homecare
Silver Sponsor
Weyerhaeuser
Gold Sponsors
Kodiak Group
Fick & Sons Inc.

John Cherven for his kindness and hospitality. All tree sponsors and gift sponsors.

Thank You!

Gerta's Draperies
"Everything in Window Treatments"
• Free Estimates
• In-Home Appointments
Excellent Customer Service Since 1958
989-732-3340
2201 OLD 27 SOUTH, GAYLORD

The Bible Speaks

Praying God's Way

In Romans 8:26-28 we shall study God's way, God's will, and God's work in prayer for the pain and problems which plague us. In Romans 8:26 we study God's way in prayer: "26Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

First we see the way our prayer is helped: "26Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities..." Throughout Romans chapter #8 the Holy Spirit is revealed as the person who gives us victory in all areas of our Christian life. The infirmities we bear may be feebleness of the mind or body through weakness, sickness, disease or some other malady. Our infirmities are not necessarily evil or bad in themselves. Jesus Christ was tempted with these same infirmities according to Hebrews 4:15: "15For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Suffering

infirmities can strengthen and mature us for service as it did our savior Jesus Christ in Hebrews 2:10: "10For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." As 2 Corinthians 4:17 says, "17For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Second, we see the way our prayer is hindered or hopeless: "...for we know not what we should pray for as we ought..." When we pray in ignorance for something we should not have we can only hope God does not answer our prayer. As Psalm 106:15 warns us: "And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul." You remember in Luke 11:1 His disciples said to Jesus: "...Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." One easy prayer formula to remember is the ACTS of prayer. "A" always begin with adoration and worship of our God. "C" reminds us to confess of our sins and shortcomings. "T" reminds us to express thanksgiving and gratitude to God for all His blessings to us. And "S" brings us last to our supplications or making our requests known to God. After we adore God, confess our sins, and express our thanksgiving to Him,

we are in a better spiritual frame of mind for supplication.

Third, we see the way our prayer is heard: "...but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Romans 8:23 taught us, "...even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. We do groan," "...for we know not what we should pray for as we ought..." But the Holy Spirit prays for us through the Son to the Father in unspeakable words. We are told in Philippians 4:7 we can have "...the peace of God, which passeth all understanding..." We are told in 1 Peter 1:8 how through faith in Jesus Christ we can "...rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." As 2 Corinthians 9:15 says, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." So we understand there are things in prayer which cannot be explained in human words. It is most important that we are praying God's way through the Holy Spirit and not our own selfish way. Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 5 - Lunch - Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and mixed fruit. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Dec. 8 - Lunch - sloppy joe on a bun, broccoli, O'Brien potatoes and pineapple. Dinner - macaroni and cheese, Italian blend vegetables, tossed salad and fresh fruit salad.

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. computer class.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 - Lunch - beef tips in gravy with noodles, Brussels sprouts, carrots and pears. Dinner - shepherd's pie, corn, cauliflower and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 - Lunch - spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, mixed vegetables, a bread stick and an orange. Birthday Dinner - hot turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, peaches and cake and ice cream. 11:30 a.m. - 5:30

p.m. rummage sale, 1 p.m. pool league, 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Cards.

Thursday, Dec. 11 - Lunch - pork fritter with sweet and sour sauce, brown rice, peas and a banana. Dinner - liver and onions, fried cabbage with bacon, carrots and pears. 10 a.m. craft class, 12:30 p.m. Cops and Seniors Initiative Meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 3:30 p.m. Wii Bowling.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 113 complaints the week of Nov. 24 - Nov. 30.

One suicide, 28 general non-criminal complaints, six false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, one burglary/home invasion,

one larceny, four public peace/disorderlies, three health and safeties, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, 39 traffic accidents, two accidents-non-traffic, one traffic safety public appearance, one hazardous condition, six inspections/investigations-property, seven family troubles-domestic, six suspicious situations and three driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawford-sheriff.org.

Library News

The Devereaux Memorial Library is now featuring arts and crafts made from recycled materials throughout the entire month of December. The theme is "I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas." Come and see a showcase dedicated to an

eco-friendly holiday season. Call Jane, at 348-9214, if you would like to add your works of recycled art to the display.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m., the Devereaux Memorial Library will host "Wrap it Up," an adult craft

program focusing on the Green Christmas theme. Learn how to use natural and recycled products for gift wrapping, tags and cards. For additional information, call Jane at 348-9214.

Grayling Police Report

Grayling City Police Chief reports the department handled the following complaints during the period of Nov. 23 - Nov. 30:

Three alarm complaints, one assist other department, one assault, one city ordinance violation, one civil complaint, one disturbance complaint, one juvenile complaint, one misdemeanor arrest, one MDOP, six private property accidents, one stalking harassment complaint, one suspicious situation, six traffic warnings, one VPHC and 17 unclassified complaints.

Church Directory

Christian Science Society
209 First St., Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.mmm-umc.org - Barrier Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909

Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)

Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Web Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist

Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ

3474 West Park Road, Lurline

Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist

Pastor: Eric Wagner - (989) 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God

Pastor: John Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Family Night Adult Youth Children (Wed) 7 pm

The Church of Christ
with the Elijah Message

7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic

Sunday Worship 10 am

Westminster-By-The-Lake
(East of Ralph MacMillan Conference Center)

Worship with us in a beautiful outdoor chapel
(989) 821-9474

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)

710 Spruce Street

(989) 348-5224

Sunday School 9:15 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Free Methodist

6652 (M-72) • Grayling

First Baptist Church of Frederic

Pastor: Dale Hammond

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North

Minister: Terry Dickinson

Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study

available at tlund@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist

Pastor: James Durfee

2247 Durfee Lane

Sunday School 10 am

Sunday Morning Worship 11 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle

Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278

501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School 10 am

Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth

Service 11 am

Sunday Evening Service 6 pm

Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Wednesday Service 7 pm

Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
(van transportation available)

Community of Christ

Pastor: Ann Day

North Down River Rd. at

1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751

Church School 9:45 am

Preaching 11 am

Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community

Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.

Parish Office - 707 Spruce

(989) 348-7657

Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal

Reverend: Elizabeth Chace

M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850

Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am

Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center

Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann

Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738

reslifecenter.com

Phone: (989) 348-1000

Sunday Service 10:30 am

Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm

E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)

905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop

(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)

(989) 348-5921

Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett

M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday 7 pm

Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm

Church of Christ

Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613

In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on

TV 29 & 8 7:30 am

Sunday Classes 10 am

Sunday Worship 11 am

Sunday Evening 6 pm

1st Sunday Evening of every month there is no service

Midweek Bible Study (Wed) 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle

Pastor: Lyle Studer

211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325

Sunday School 10 am

Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church

Affiliated with S.B.C.

Pastor: John Scott

705 Madison St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Evening Service 6 pm

Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian

Pastor: David Rosenberg

Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer

M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.

Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm

Sunday School 9 am

Bible Study (Wed) 7 pm

Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm

Church Alive Church of God

Pastor: David Barker

506 North Birch St., Kalkaska

(231) 258-3448

Sunday School 10 am

Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm

Family Training Hour & Prayer

(Wednesday) 7 pm

St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WELS)

Pastor: Douglas Carter

The Roscommon Community Center, 510

South St., Roscommon, MI

For information call (989) 821-6013

New phone number (989) 275-3070

Sunday 9 am

Friendship Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg

415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School 9 am

Morning Worship 10 am

Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am

Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Sunday Night Adult Youth Children (Wed) 7 pm

Sunday School 10:30 am

Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm

E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)

905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop

(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)

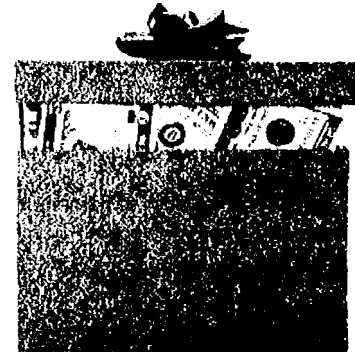
(989) 348-5921

Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

**What could you do
with an extra \$250?**



Whatever you want.

(it's our gift to you)

During the month of December, your Miracle-Ear hearing aid purchase will earn you up to a \$250 Pre-Paid VISA Gift Card.

Enjoy the sounds of the holiday!



SAVE HUNDREDS!*

WITH OUR

**AARP & SENIOR FIXED
INCOME DISCOUNTS**

On ALL 100%

Digital Hearing Aids!



**YES!
He's Wearing a
Hearing Aid!**

- Almost Invisible!
- Great in Background Noise and on the Phone
- Our Most Advanced Technology Ever
- Amazing Natural Sound

• FREE Hearing Test... FREE Audiometric Screening!



Miracle-Ear® Center - Grayling

1200 N. Down River Road (Milltown Clinic Building)

Every Tuesday 9-4

Grayling Elementary students show they care



Students at the Grayling Elementary School recently participated in a food drive called "Show You Care!" Each classroom had a target goal of donations to collect. Classes earned a reward once this goal was reached. The top three classrooms were treated to a pizza party given by GES Principal Melissa Stone. Almost every classroom exceeded its goal, with the top three classrooms being Mrs. Johnson's, Mrs. Partlo's and Mrs. Canfield's. Fourth grader Mallory Stephan said, "We had a lot, and Mom said others have helped us so now we can help them."

GET READY FOR WINTER

Welcome to **BLIZZARD** Country

SNO-PRO 3000 SERIES
Other sizes & models available

CURTIS

STARTING AT \$3,395

FREE JOYSTICK UPGRADE

USA TRAILER SALES

6659 M-93, Grayling
989-344-8034 • 800-225-0434
M - F ~ 9 to 6 • Sat ~ 9 to 4

Hanson Hills gearing up for winter season

Continued from 1A

so wet," said Andre. With the heavy snowfall late last week and into the weekend, park staff may have opened more trails before this goes to press.

For the time being, nordic skiers are able to try the cross country trails for free. They will start charging their regular rates when the majority of the trails have opened.

The trail system should have something new to offer even the seasoned locals. They have tweaked many of the routes, with even bigger plans in store for the near future.

"We have plans for a classic only trail," said Andre.

Meanwhile, the downhill runs are tentatively scheduled to open on Dec. 19.

"Most of our preseason maintenance is going on," said Andre.

The ski park's four snow machines are fully operational and all ski lifts are ready for riders.

"Come the 19th, we'll have to see what kind of snow we can make," said Andre.

Hanson Hills is also updating the pricing of the tubing hill in order to

improve the experience for park guests.

Tubers will now pay for hour and a half "sessions" instead of being charged a running hourly rate. The number of concurrent sessions on the hill at one time will be limited to 30.

This should reduce congestion and ensure that less time is spent waiting in lines.

Andre hopes that this season will live up to last year's success.

"Last year was probably the perfect season," said Andre. "With this business, it has a lot to do with the weather."

Flu shots widely available

Continued from 1A

Each vaccination is only good for one season. "There is plenty of flu (vaccine) this year ... more than enough to meet any demand there would be," said Young. "Every year they keep expanding the recommendations."

Flu shots do more than just protect the person who receives the immunization. They also make it impossible for the immunized person to infect others. This can be especially valuable for protecting the elderly, who can be particularly vulnerable to the flu.

"Do it for those around you," said Young.

Because it takes some time for symptoms to appear, someone can be infected with the influenza virus without realizing it.

Flu shots are available to adults for \$26. Although not all insurance plans will cover flu shots, Medicare does. The federal government is currently paying for flu vaccinations for all children under age 18. Shots are available for children for a small administrative fee at the health department.

The health department is

also offering a new "flu mist" nasal spray to certain demographics. No only is this a good alternative for people who are squeamish about needles, tests indicate that the spray is actually more effective against the virus than a traditional flu shot.

The flu mist is currently being offered to healthy people between the ages of

two and 49. People with certain chronic illnesses should not take the nasal spray, as it requires a more robust immune system than the shot.

"The message is, definitely get your flu shot," said Young.

For more information, the Crawford County Health Department can be contacted at 989-348-7800.

#1 INSPIRATIONAL MOVIE IN AMERICA!

FROM THE CREATORS OF FACING GIANTS

KIRK CAMERON
ERIN SETHUA

FIREPROOF

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PARTNER BEHIND

PG

STARTS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH!

WEST BRANCH CINEMA
210 W Houghton Ave,
West Branch (989) 345-7887

CHECK THEATRE DIRECTORIES OR CALL FOR SHOWTIMES

Crawford County Avalanche

Grayling's Hometown Newspaper Since 1879

Give The Gift Of The News

This holiday season, give the gift of the news to family and friends in the form of a subscription.

Permanent Local - \$20
Seasonal Address Change - add \$4
Non-Local - \$30
Foreign - \$60

\$2 Senior Citizen discount on all rates.
Age 60 and older



Roscommon Cinema

Now Showing

QUANTUM OF SOLACE
(PG-13)
FRI, SUN & THURS 7PM

MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM
(PG-13)
SAT 1PM, 3PM & 8PM
CLOSED: MON-WED

900 N. Main Roscommon
Off Exit 944
989-275-5959
WWW.ROSCOMMOVIES.COM

The Window Shoppe Presents The Twelve Days of Christmas Shopping

Stop in and browse our wonderful selection, as each day various home decor and gift items will be featured for that special someone on your list, or to decorate your home for the season. A different selection of gift items will be featured each day!

Specials begin Monday, December 1 through Tuesday, December 16.

The Window Shoppe is open weekdays from 9 am-4 pm. Proceeds benefit our radiology department renovation.

1100 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-0832

MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

A member of Trinity Health | mercygrayling.com



DENTAL IMPLANTS YOU CAN AFFORD

Do you have a problem with loose dentures? Unable to chew because of missing teeth?

C. Thomas Riegler, D.D.S., utilizes new mini dental implants that can stabilize dentures, partial dentures and also provide single or multiple tooth replacements often in one or two appointments.



**Call Grayling
Family Dentistry at
(989) 348-4300**

for your free implant consultation.
(any extra x-rays at additional cost)

1664 Hartwick Pines Rd., Grayling

Michigan revises emerald ash borer quarantine

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) today revised its emerald ash borer quarantine to consolidate all 68 contiguous counties of the Lower Peninsula into one quarantine level - effective immediately. MDA, however, is asking travelers not to move firewood to help prevent the artificial spread of other exotic and devastating insects like the gypsy moth. The ban on moving firewood across the Mackinac Bridge remains in effect. As part of the amendment, Delta and Schoolcraft counties in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) were also added to the

EAB interior quarantine.

"MDA remains committed to protecting the ash resource in the U.P. from the artificial spread of EAB and this amendment simply allows us to focus our attention there," said Ken Rauscher, MDA's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division Director. "Although, travelers are now able to freely move firewood in the Lower Peninsula, we are urging them not to do so as there are several other invasive insects - such as the Asian longhorned beetle and the siren woodwasp - that can hitch a ride on it. Please continue to only use local sources of firewood, burn all you buy, and don't take any unused firewood back home or to the next location."

"Campers and hunters are reminded to purchase firewood locally when visiting state parks, recreation areas and state forest campgrounds," said Ron Olson, Parks and Recreation chief for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "Bringing ash firewood onto state forests, state parks, recreation areas and state forest campgrounds violates state land

use rules."

Prior to this revision, MDA's EAB interior quarantine divided the Lower Peninsula into two quarantine levels: 21 counties in southeast Michigan were Level I and the remaining 47 counties were Level II. This revision effective merges the two quarantines and make the entire Lower Peninsula on level.

"Hardwood firewood is still prohibited from leaving the Lower Peninsula as it is the leading cause of spreading EAB and other invasives. Quarantine violators can still face fines and jail time," said Rauscher. "The inspection station at the Mackinac Bridge remains in place and will continue to prevent hardwood firewood and other regulated ash material from entering the UP."

The addition of Delta and Schoolcraft Counties to the EAB interior quarantine is a result of an EAB infestation discovered in the fall of 2008.

The Delta County quarantine is divided into two levels; the townships of Garden, Fairbanks and Nahma are designated as Quarantine Level II, and

the remaining portion of Delta County is Level III.

The Schoolcraft County quarantine is also divided into two levels; the townships of Inwood and Thompson are designated as Quarantine Level II, and the remaining portion of Schoolcraft is Level III. The movement of hardwood firewood and other regulated material out of quarantine Level II and III areas is prohibited, though regulated articles may move from Level III into Level II.

EAB is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees. In its larval stage, EAB feeds undetected under the bark of ash trees, disrupting water and nutrient flow and ultimately killing the trees in three to four years. First discovered in 2002, the borer is responsible for the death or damage of approximately 35 million ash trees in the Lower Peninsula.

Individuals or businesses found violating the state's EAB quarantine are subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years for moving regulated ash materials, including firewood.

Additional information about EAB, quarantine details, and a map of the quarantine boundaries are available at www.michigan.gov/eab or www.emeraldashborer.info.

Honors

Hope College

Matthew Larson, a Hope College junior from Grayling, received an athletic letter for Hope College's football team. The football team ended in third place in the conference standings.

2008 CRAWFORD COUNTY PLAT BOOKS AVAILABLE AT:

Crawford County Avalanche

102 Michigan Ave • Grayling

Crawford County Clerk

County Building,

200 Michigan Ave • Grayling

Crawford-Roscommon

Conservation District

Roscommon County Bldg

• Roscommon

989-275-3163

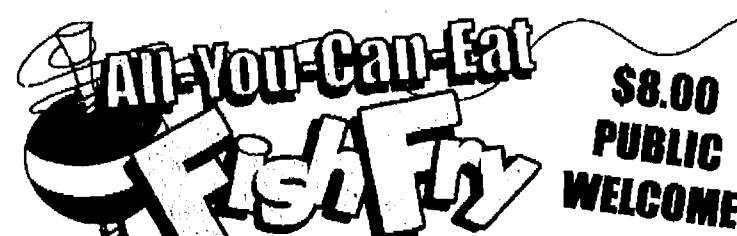
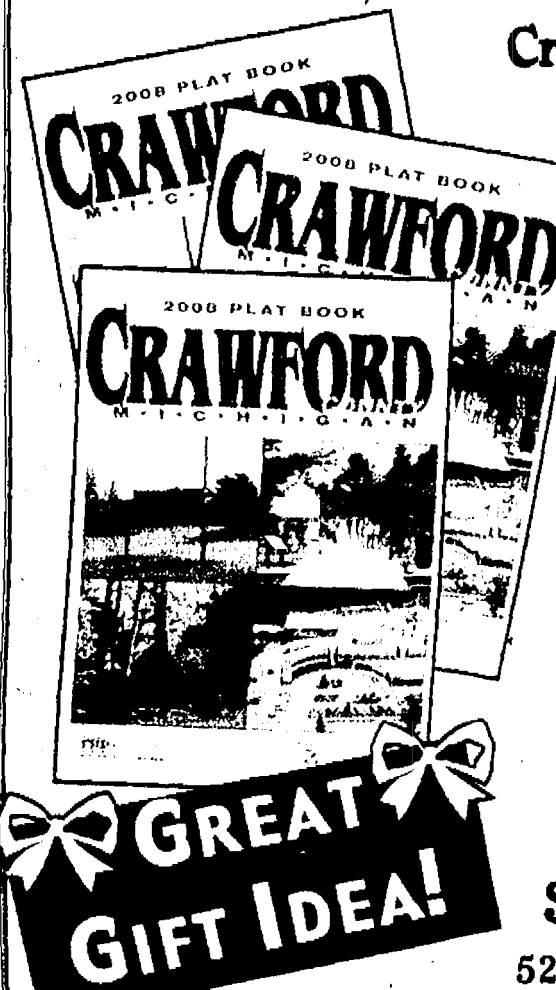
barb.stauffer@macd.org

Skip's Sport Shop

5765 West M-72 • Grayling

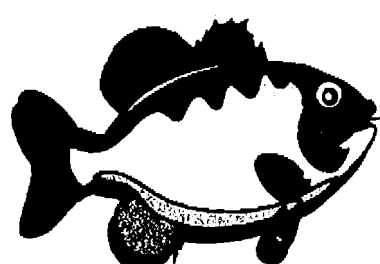
South Branch Township

5245 North M-18 • Roscommon



Friday, December 5 • 4:30 - 7 pm
Dine In or Carry Out 348-5287

Wing Dings, Alaskan Pollack, French Fries,
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter & Dessert



Grayling Eagles
Aerie 3465
M-72 East
Grayling

Area Business Directory

Put your business before 8,000 readers and the internet for only \$3.85 per week

Licensed & Insured
SCHREIBER BUILDERS
Homes - Additions - Garages
Remodeling - Reroofing
Decks - Siding
DAVE SCHREIBER
4581 Calvin Dr.
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-5858

MODULAR & MANUFACTURED HOMES
GRAYLING MFG. HOUSING
4474 M-72 WEST (EAST OF GRAYLING)
www.graylingmfghousing.net
FINANCING AVAILABLE

REMODEL
ROOFING
SIDING
WINDOWS
BATHROOMS &
KITCHENS
NO PAYMENT or
INTEREST FOR 6 MONTHS
FREE ESTIMATES
HOUSE DOCTOR
989-366-6279
1-800-924-7527

Thomas I. O'Brien Architect Inc.
307 North Fifth St.
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-275-3075

Suburban Bolt & Supply
ISO-9000 REGISTERED
WHOLESALE
• FASTENERS
• CUTTING TOOLS
• ABRASIVES
• INDUSTRIAL
SUPPLIES & TOOLS
CALL ANDY TODAY AT
989-344-2000
5615 WEST M-72
(1/4 MILE WEST OF BUSINESS LOOP I-75)
PUBLIC WELCOME

Cable CONSTRUCTION
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
2342 Industrial St.
Grayling Industrial Park
Grayling, MI
(989)348-5477 FAX (989)348-3232

Jack Millikin, Inc.
Excavating & Redi-Mix
Grayling, MI
Masonry Work,
Septic Installation,
Repair & Service-Sand-Gravel,
Topsoil-Brick Pavers,
Block & Insulated Poured Wall
Foundation

Beckett Contracting, Inc.
New Homes - Additions - Siding
Remodeling - Garages - Roofing
Licensed & Insured
P.O. Box 319, Roberts Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone 348-7237

ELECTRIC GINGERICH
SALES & SERVICE
Licensed & Insured
Residential
Commercial
Industrial
Stand By Generators
Energy Management
Electrical Contractor
989-348-5355

M.J. BANKER, INC.
CUSTOM HOME & CABIN CHECK
Our inspection
service can
help you enjoy
your time away.
Retired Law Enforcement
George (Bud) Banker
231-258-4445
BONDED & INSURED

Heating & Air Conditioning
NORTHERN MECHANICAL
• Sheet Metal
Fabrication
• 27 Years
Experience
• Insured
• Licensed
Mechanical
Contractor
Jeff Rose, Owner
989-348-6574

MYERS LAND SURVEY
A ROWE Company
403 Huron Street
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-4036
www.myerssurvey.com

BIG WHEEL Construction Service
Egress windows, stairs & roofing,
"we do it all."
Licensed & Insured
(989) 390-3980 (989) 348-7398
6440 Richard Rd., Grayling, MI
Owner-Super Dave Reichelderfer

J.T. Cochrane Construction
New Construction or Remodeling for your
Northern home retreat.
Complete general contracting services for
your individual project.
• Additions • Decks • Siding •
• Garages • & more •
Custom design service available
(Phone: (989) 348-8527
Fax: (989) 348-9643
e-mail: jcochrane1@12k.com

HAL'S MASONRY INC.
The Foundation Dreams Are Built On
MASONRY SERVICES
Block • Brick
Cultured Stone • Flatwork
Stamped Concrete
Poured Walls • Retaining Walls
Concrete Countertops
Decorative Concrete
Patios • Hearths & Mantels
EXCAVATING SERVICES
6811 M-83 S.
GRAYLING, MI 49738
HMICCT.com
(989) 348-8179
Fax: (989) 348-5096
Licensed & Insured

Barber Construction Inc.
Since 1985
Builder Remodeler
Full Service Remodeling
2 Year Warranty
989-275-5703
Thomas S. Barber, C.A.P.S.
(Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist)
1210 Rough Ct.,
Roscommon, MI 48653
Member of Tri-Lakes Home Builders Assoc.
And the National Assoc. of Home
Builders Remodelers Council
barbercfh.com

Jim's Well Drilling
Grayling, Michigan
4" Thru 8" Wells
Pump Sales & Service
PVC and Steel • Free Estimates
Established 1966 • State Lic. #2200
(989)348-8788
Fax: (989)348-4224

HALLETT HEATING & A/C
24 Hour Service
• Repair or replace most
all Gas Fired Appliances
& Oil Furnaces
• Michigan Licensed
• Family Business
with Family Values
Scott & Michele Hallett
989-745-2447

X COPY CENTER
SIGNS FOR YOUR JOBSITE
989-348-7872

Kernstock Builders
Quality Work for 35 years
Family Owned and Operated
Licensed & Insured
989-348-8945
Homes
Additions
Garages
Remodeling
Decks
Roofing
107 Kings Court
Grayling, MI 49738

**Put your business
before over
8,000 readers and the
internet for
\$100 for 6 months
(\$3.85 per week)
Home Page Address:
crawfordcountyavalanche.com**

Michigan climbs in 2008 State New Economy Index

Michigan has climbed to a 17th ranking in the 2008 State New Economy Index, up from a position of 34th just nine years ago, according to a report released Tuesday.

Only one other state has experienced a greater rise - Rhode Island moved from 29th to 11th in the same amount of time.

"In spite of the current economic turmoil with the automotive industry, Michigan's new ranking is positive and encouraging," said Rex LaMore, director of the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development.

"The changes brought by digital technologies and innovation-driven economics are the future of the state in the global economy. And, it is important to know we can compete successfully with other states and regions

across the globe."

The State New Economy Index is generated by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. States are ranked according to how their economies are structured and their ability to compete nationally and globally.

Five categories are evaluated using 29 indicators including knowledge jobs, globalization, economic dynamism, transformation to a digital economy and technological innovation capacity.

LaMore also notes that the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development recently started a federally-funded project working with three northern Michigan regional planning agencies that will use some State New Economy Index measures.

These measures will be applied to benchmark and gauge progress in northern Michigan's performance in the global knowledge economy.

"Using these measures will help gauge where we, the planning partners and the stakeholders want to go strategically," LaMore said.

Working together, MSU and the regional partners and local stakeholders will design new economic strategies that address their needs, and community needs, most effectively.

"It's encouraging to see our state move forward in knowledge economy sectors. Our collaboration with northern Michigan can provide an innovative model to accelerate the region's progress. Our success here could lead to a model used to improve other areas in the future."

MSU faculty and staff are


working with three regional partners, covering a total of 21 counties in northern Michigan:

Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, including Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford counties.

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, including Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties.

Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission, including Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties.

For more information about the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development, visit <http://ced.msu.edu/>.



Sunday, December 14th
8:00 am to 11:00 am

All-You-Can-Eat: Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes, Pancakes, Applesauce, Coffee and/or Milk


Grayling Masonic Lodge
304 Mich. Ave., Grayling

\$6.00



Debby Boone's Christmas Memories

December 13, 2008 - 7 p.m.
on the campus of Kirtland Community College
Tickets: \$30.00 & \$28.00 - Call 989-275-6777
Online: www.kirtland.edu/kcpa
Sponsored by:

Area Events

Roscommon - A Cookie Walk and Greens Arrangements Sale will be held at the Good Shepherd UMC, 149 W. Robinson Lake Rd., Roscommon, off M-18 and I-75, exit 239, on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. - noon.

Traverse City - The Traverse Symphony Orchestra's annual holiday concert has a new name, "Candles and Fireworks," and an all-new look. The new venue, Bay Pointe Community Church, offers improved seating and amenities, beautiful holiday decorations, state of the art technology and lighted parking.

The dynamic and internationally known conductor, Franz Anton Krager, has chosen music and soloists to celebrate both the Christmas Season and the New Year. Maestro Krager will lead soloists Nicole Philibosian, violinist Paul Sonner, the NMC Chorale, Chamber Singers and Traverse Symphony Chorus in the melodies of the Christmas season and the waltzes, galops and marches of a Viennese New Year. Bring your noisemakers.

Performances are 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 13, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14. For ticket information, call 231-947-7120 or visit www.tso-online.org.

St. Ignace - Jones Soda "Battle at the Bridge" Squirt Hockey Tournament will be held in St. Ignace on Dec. 6 - 7. Six teams of 9 and 10 year olds will vie for the Squirt Jones Soda Championship. This tournament is sanctioned by MAHA and USA Hockey with sanction number MIT090129.

On Dec. 13 - 14 the

Jones Soda "Battle at the Bridge" Bantam Hockey Tournament will be held. Teams of kids under 14 will be competing for the Bantam Jones Soda Championship. This tournament is sanctioned by MAHA and USA Hockey with sanction number MIT090144.

These events have free admission for the bleacher seating. Concessions will be open with food and drinks.

More information is available from the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau online at www.stignace.com or call

1-800-338-6660 or 906-643-6950.

NORTHROP TREE & CRANE SERVICE

 Tree Trimming, removal, stump grinding, lot clearing, and complete debris removal. Parking lot lights, antennas, signs, rooftops. Bucket truck rental with operator.	 Commercial or residential use. Light to heavy duty, lift up to 5,000 lbs. Grapple large stumps, concrete, steel. Heavy debris & building demolition. Forklift, drywall or rooftop shingle delivery.
 Crane rental with operator. 15 ton capacity with 100 foot boom. Truss, beams. Rooftop heating & cooling units.	 Roll-off container rental. 10, 15 and 20 yard containers. Use at construction sites, big clean up projects.

989-344-9197
Jerry Northrop Fully Insured
561 Killeen Trail, Grayling, MI 49738

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS OF ALL AGES.

GRAYLING FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC, P.C.

1010 W North Down River Rd. • Grayling, MI 49738

Services Provided Include:

- Health Maintenance Exams
- Same Day Sick Appointments
- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Diabetes Education
- Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy
- Minor Surgeries
- Child & Adult Care

Providing the highest quality healthcare, promoting wellness to the families of our community with compassion, dignity and respect. Serving the community for over 40 years

WE PARTICIPATE WITH MOST MAJOR INSURANCE COMPANIES

- M. Burkley, D.O.
- C. Gosling, M.D.
- G. Hanert, D.O.
- L. Harrington, D.O.
- W. McNamara, M.D.
- M. Rosi, FNP
- E. Weeks, D.O.

For an appointment call 989-348-7671

Grayling Family Practice Clinic proudly presents Eric Weeks, D.O. as our featured physician for the month



Dr. Weeks grew up south of Greenville in the small community of Saranac, Michigan. He attended Central Michigan University, where he earned his Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology. He earned his medical degree at Michigan State University-College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1996. After medical school, Dr. Weeks completed his Internship and Residency in Family Practice at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Weeks became board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice in 1999. He recertified in 2008. He had been practicing around Greenville, Michigan for several years both as an employed and solo-practice physician prior to joining GFPC two years ago. Dr. Weeks currently resides in Grayling where he enjoys various hobbies as well as spending time with his family.

Dr. Weeks and the Staff at GFPC are currently accepting new patients and accept most insurance plans. Please call 348-7671 to schedule your appointment.

Area Business Directory

Put your business before 8,000 readers and the Internet for only \$3.85 per week*

Rick Wykiel
Wants to be your Professional Service Technician. Bring in this Ad, ask for me, and receive 10% OFF parts & labor.

3433 W. M-55 • West Branch East of I-75 • Exit 215
989-345-2571
1-800-341-HART(4278)

GRAYLING AREA Internet Services
Local Access! as low as **\$18.95** per month

1.888.282.4932

AL Security LLC
Locally Owned
Licensed & Insured
Routine Residential & Commercial Checks

Your Security Guard Needs

Mike Ingalls 344-0868

Put your business before over **8,000 readers and the Internet for \$100 for 6 months (\$3.85 per week)**

Home Page Address: crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Herbert Plumbing & Heating
Residential & Commercial
Plumbing - Heating - Mechanical
Service available 24 hours
Custom Sheet Metal Shop

Call for free estimates
989-348-4900
26 N I-75 Bus. Loop • Grayling
(1 mile N. of M-72 West light)

Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home
Terrie L. Lockwood
Manager / Owner

- * Cremation Options
- * Monuments
- * Markers
- * Pre-Arranged Funerals

1108 North Down River Road
P.O. Box 602
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Phone: 989-348-2951
Fax: 989-348-4968

www.sorensonlockwood.com

ARMY NAVY PINEVIEW SURPLUS & SUPPLY

Dan & Chris Klatt
989-348-8300 Fax: 989-348-7955
Pineview Motel
7328 Old-27 North, Frederic, MI 49733

Mark & Mary Kaye Severance, Owners

Metal Roofing Outlet
SALES • SUPPLIES • INSTALLATION

989-275-6900
522 N. 5th St. • Roscommon, MI
www.metal-shingles.com

Landco Enterprises LLC
Roscommon County Title Insurance Agency
9141 N. Cut Rd.
Roscommon, Michigan 48653
Ph. (989) 821-4544
Fax (989) 821-3844

E-mail: merrigan@landcoenterprises.com

Over 50 Years of Experience!

Crawford County Title Insurance Agency
108 Burton Ct., P.O. Box 581
Grayling, Michigan 49738
Ph. (989) 3489832

E-mail: merrigan@landcoenterprises.com

JOE FRITCH JASON SMALL
FRITCH ELECTRIC INC. DBA
PRIME ELECTRIC

Electrical Contractors
P.O. Box 398
Grayling, Michigan 49738
Bus. (989) 348-6440
Fax (989) 348-4151

Dan's Plumbing & Service
Licensed Master Plumber
Licensed Mechanical Contractor

PLUMBING - HEATING INSTALLATION

New Homes Boilers
Remodeling of Forced Air
Kitchen & Baths Repairs
Repair Free Estimates

Dan Wichert • 348-2539

Therapeutic Massage

- Deep Tissue • Swedish
- Thai • Trigger Point
- Sports • CranioSacral
- Lymphatic • Drainage
- Reflexology and Acupressure Therapy

Kate Carlson Massage Therapist (989) 344-1048

River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services

Educational/Support Group for Women
Dealing with Domestic Violence Issues

Offered by River House Shelter & Domestic Crisis Services

Please Call
1-800-554-3169 or 989-340-5169
P.O. Box 661, Grayling, MI 49738

Put your business before over **8,000 readers and the Internet for This space \$200 for 6 months (\$7.69 per week)**

Home Page Address: crawfordcountyavalanche.com

SUPERIOR GLASS—989-366-9691

10% OFF NEXT PURCHASE
WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
THINK GLASS—THINK SUPERIOR

SUPERIOR GLASS
2121 W. HOUGHTON LAKE DR.
HOUGHTON LAKE, MI 49629

**CUSTOM SIZE MIRRORS
GLASS
SCREEN-RESCREEN
PATTERN GLASS**

**SHOWER DOORS
WINDOW GLASS REPLACEMENT
WINDOWS/DOORS
STORMS
ETCHING**

American Storage
in Frederic & Grayling
Now Leasing
Under New Management
Great Rates

**800-225-0434
989-344-8034**

FREE IN-HOME WATER ANALYSIS
SALES
SERVICE
RENTALS

Over 27 Years Experience
Reverse Osmosis Soft Delivery

**DOES IT ALL
SOFTENS WATER
REMOVES SULFUR
REMOVES IRON**

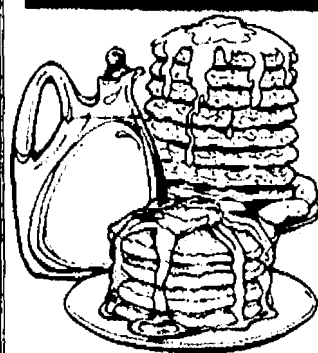
989-366-4043 • 888-744-7638
1828 E. W. HOUGHTON LAKE DR., HOUGHTON LAKE

Xpress COPY CENTER

COPIES • PRINTING
SIGNS • BANNERS
GRAPHIC DESIGN

989-348-7872

ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS AVAILABLE HERE!

Breakfast Buffet

Saturday, December 6

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

\$5**Kalkaska Eagles**(Ernie's Old Flea Market)
M-72 WEST**Bumper To Bumper Coverage**

We take the headache out of everything from minor fender benders to major damage.

JANSEN
AGENCY & ASSOC., INC.

(989) 348-6711

PO Box 472, 2370 S. I-75 Bus. Loop, Grayling, MI

WOW!

I can't believe it actually felt good.



My teenager had headaches, but was told he was too young. My mother suffered for years but now feels well enough to do just about anything.

NOW I KNOW BETTER!

To enjoy a healthy, energetic, and active lifestyle, it really is necessary to care for your spine. No other treatment, nor exercise, nor pill, potion, or lotion can give you a properly adjusted, properly aligned spine.

GRAYLING CHIROPRACTIC

Spinal Treatment Center & Chiropractic Massage

ORLAND W. DAMI, D.C., Since 1984

81 S. I-75 Business Loop

989-348-3128

Michigan State sees victory in Grayling

Grayling Resident D.J. Brown's "Michigan State Tree" earned the most votes at this year's Festival of Trees. She said that she was inspired to make the tree after she saw a "University of Michigan Tree" at the festival last year. "We just need to have equal representation for Michigan State," said Brown. She brought home a trophy for her achievement.

Range Firing

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 11, 15 - 17.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sun-

rise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilization or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989-348-6371.

For further information, call 989-344-6100.

We Cater To

COWARDS

New Patients Are Always Welcome

John P. Marconit

D.D.S., P.C.

General Dentistry

Office Hours By Appointment

Monday through Thursday

(989) 786-2104

P.O. Box 170, Bay Street

Lewiston, MI 49756

Area Business Directory

Put your business before 8,000 readers and the internet for only \$9.69 per week!

Gaylord Electric

Licensed & Insured



- Residential •
- Commercial •
- Industrial •
- Lighting Specialist •
- 24 Hour Service

Lic. #6107894

5825 West Miller Rd
Lewiston, MI 49756
Office: 989-786-3885
Fax: 989-786-7885**Martin SCHILBE**
TREE CARE

Certified Arborist • Fully Insured
Aerial Equipment • Tree Climbing
View Development • Tree Trimming
Tree Removal • Stump Grinding
FULLY INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES
989-821-8555 • 1-800-829-8555

Put your business
before over
8,000 readers and the
Internet for
\$100 for 6 months
(\$3.85 per week)
Home Page Address:
crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Todd Nye
Nye & Associates, PLLC

Attorney at Law
Grayling, MI
Toll Free: (866) 868-2142
Phone: (989) 414-2724
Fax: (989) 414-2785

HMI SPECIALTIES

- Concrete Hearths & Mantels • Epoxy Flooring • Kitchen & Bath Cabinets
- Cabinet Layout & Design • Cultured Stone • Real Stone Veneer • Field Stone
- Countertops: Concrete • Solid Surface • Granite • Engineered Stone • Laminate
- Snow Room • FREE ESTIMATES • LICENSED & INSURED

Quality Craftsmanship by Professional Designers, Craftsmen & Artisans

hmicct.com

6811 M-93 South
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone: (989) 348-8179
Fax: (989) 348-5096



Rick Grisham
Financial Advisor
307 Huron St. Suite 1
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6964
www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

Edward Jones**Michael A. DiPonte**
Certified Public Accountant

Lake Margrethe
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989) 348-1704
Accounting, tax and
consulting services

Northern Michigan Metal Roofing

Mark & Mary Kaye Severance - Owners

STEEL SHINGLES
Standing SeamFree Estimates
Licensed & Insured

989-275-6900

522 N. 5th St., Roscommon, MI • www.metal-shingles.com

Northern Lawn & Homecare L.L.C.
Quality is #1 Satisfaction Guaranteed

Home Maintenance & Repair • Snowplowing
• Landscaping • Yard Cleanup • Lawn Care • Cabin
& Home Watching • Power Washing • Irrigation &
Complete Lawn Care

WE DO IT ALL
CALL CHARLIE BERTRAM
FOR FREE ESTIMATE

989-348-5725, Cell: 989-390-0093

cjc12@verizon.net

Residential & Commercial Licensed & Insured
• Senior Discounts

Put your business before over
8,000 readers and the Internet for
This space \$200 for 6 months (\$7.69
per week) Home Page Address:
crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Grayling Hospital for Animals, P.C.

Dr. Paul W. Mesack
Dr. Troy Fairbanks
Dr. Nancy Martindale
Dr. Doug Ban Dkai
5806 West M-72
Grayling, Michigan 49738
AT ALL TIMES PH: 348-8622
HOURS: BY APPOINTMENT

Do you need a high
quality, dependable
care giver for you or
your loved one?
Compassionate Care
Home Health Services Inc.
Offers Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Companion
& Live-in services from 2 to 24 hours per day
Offices in Gaylord, Alpena, Oscoda, West Branch
and Midland
Please call toll free 1-877-308-1212 ...when only home
will do, we can help

TREE AND CRANE SERVICEStump Grinding • Concrete or Wood
Seawall's • Landscaping30 years experience Guaranteed Construction
Estimates Given & Insured

John Schilbe 989-275-5021 • 1-800-428-3019

Put your business before over
8,000 readers and the Internet for
This space \$200 for 6 months (\$7.69
per week) Home Page Address:
crawfordcountyavalanche.com

OSGA MASONRY & CONSTRUCTION

New Construction • Garages
Brick • Flat Work
Additions • Cultured Stone

Jay Osga
Insured Licensed Builder
(989) 348-1075 Frederic, MI

POLE BUILDINGS

Commercial, Farm, or Residential
30 years experience
Standing Seam Metal Roofing
Licensed & Insured
Free Estimates

J.W. Hagerman Construction
(989) 348-1662 • Cell: (989) 619-6780
Grayling

Mike Lesko
Propane Sales & Service
Petroleum Marketers

Office: 989-348-7847
800-292-8295
113 Fig Street
Grayling, MI 49738

**FOREST PRODUCTS**

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL LUMBER

PRODUCER IN THE LAKE STATES

We Buy Standing Timber
With Supervised Cutting
By Our Professional
Foresters.

"A Forest Friendly Company"

Four Mile Rd. • P.O. BOX 629

Grayling, MI 49738

(989) 348-5412

Obituaries



Rose C. Savoie

Rose Catherine Savoie, 83, of Grayling, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 26, 2008, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

She was born in Rudyard, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, on September 20, 1925.

Following her graduation from Rudyard High School, she completed training from The Detroit College of Beauty.

She married Philip Joseph Savoie on August 28, 1946. They raised their family of nine children in Flint and in Lennon. They moved to Grayling in 1988.

She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where she was a member of the St. Mary's Women's Club. She also served as Eucharistic Minister and cared for the altar linens for many years. She served as a volunteer with The Mercy Hospital Auxiliary for several years.

She was a talented seamstress and provided alterations for many Grayling residents.

She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and friend.

She is survived by her nine children: June Savoie (Doyle Latuszek), Patricia Bryce, Ken (Catherine) Savoie, Cathy (Mark) Krueger, Theresa (Robert) Root, Rebecca (Charles) Goff, Christine (Duane) Averill, Mark (Karen) Savoie and Ann (Rick) Kloska; 27 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Price and Sr. Theresa Desrochers; and one brother, Raymond Desrochers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Hanora (Haydon) Desrochers; her husband of 60 years, Philip Joseph Savoie; son-in-law Philip Bryce; two sisters, Hanora Desrochers and Evelyn Trombley; and two brothers, Leo and Jim Desrochers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling on December 1, with Reverend Robert W. Nalley officiating.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, or Mercy Hospital Auxiliary. Arrangements made by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

Charles McBride

Charles "Tom" McBride, 75, of Grayling, passed away on Friday, November 28, 2008.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as an airman first class during the Korean War.

He graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in Chemical and Electrical Engineering.

He married the former Catherine Gallagher on September 1, 1956, at St. Rita's in Detroit.

He worked as a production engineer at the GM Tech Center.

He moved to the Grayling area in 1984, coming from Huntington Woods.

He and his wife Cathy own and operate McBride's Cabins of Grayling.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Michelson Mens Group and the Grayling Snowmobile Association.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy; children: Maureen (Jim) Townsend of Comstock Park, Tom (Lisa) McBride of Novi, Patty (Mike) Nackerman of Chesterfield, Va., Tim McBride of Madison Heights, Coleen (Roger) Hella of Troy, Cathleen (Tim) Depp of Hartland, Jim McBride of Royal Oak; 14 grandchildren; brother, Jim McBride of Madison Heights; sister, Virginia (John) Marko of Macomb Twp.; and brother-in-law, Louie Essiambre.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Pat Essiambre.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling on December 2, with Father Bill Overmann officiating.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling. Graveside military honors will be accorded.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 707 Spruce St., Grayling, MI 49738, for a fund to enhance landscaping and grounds of the parish or to Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, or to the Grayling Snowmobile Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Florence I. Kincheloe

Florence Ida Kincheloe, 95, of Frederic, passed away on November 21, 2008.

She was born in Mt. Clemens, on November 11, 1913, to the late Pearl and Ida (LaForest) Gray.

She married Harold L. Kincheloe on July 19, 1949, in Fremont, Ohio. He preceded her in death on January 18, 1978.

She was self employed in a cleaning business co-owned with her husband.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

She also volunteered with Mercy Hospital Auxiliary at Mercy Manor. She enjoyed reading and receiving phone calls from her best friend, Alta Bindschattel.

She is survived by her son, Robert Floyd (Lynn) of Ky.; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters; two brothers; and son, Paul Edward Gray.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on November 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling, with Father Robert Nalley officiating.

Interment was at Maple Forest Cemetery.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Marshall Spencer

Marshall Spencer, 80, of Grayling, passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2008.

He was born in Detroit, on May 8, 1928, to the late Marshall and Evelyn (Mitchell) Spencer.

He married the former Helen Stowe on January 26, 1963, in Ferndale. She preceded him in death in 2006.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia (Mike) Humphrey of Calif.; sons, James (Linda) and Thomas Spencer of Calif.; step-daughter, Shannon Johnson of Wis.; step-son, Ernest Johnson of Calif.; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Knotley "Bo" Spencer, Tim Spencer; and sister, Marsha Spencer.

In keeping with respect of his wishes, he was cremated and there will be no service.

Cards for the family can be sent to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Grayling, MI 49738, c/o Marshall Spencer family.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Anna M. Biernat

Anna Marie Biernat, 54, of Lovells, passed away at her home.

She was born in Detroit, on August 4, 1954, to Thomas and Wanda (Stankiewicz) Biernat.

She graduated from Oakland University and lived in Troy before moving to Lovells.

Her career path was that of a creative nature and took her into the world of advertising and visual marketing. She held positions with the J.L. Hudson Company and major commercial photography studios.

Her passion was reading and gardening. She was an avid member of the Master Gardener Program and she maintained the gardens at the Lovells Historical Museum.

A remembrance will be scheduled at a later date in the spring.

Memorials may be made to the Lovells Township Historical Society, Attn: Anna M. Biernat Memorial Scholarship Fund, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, or to the Hospice of Michigan, in care of Mark Rayajczak, 10023 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738.

Condolences may be sent to www.greenfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements made by Green Funeral Home, Atlanta.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to Dr. Ramaswamy and the nurses and aides on 2S, during my recent hospital stays, and to my friends for their prayers and concerns for me. Special thanks to Linda Welch and my wonderful family for their loving care. A big thanks to all the blood donors.

Becky Baynam

Houghton Lake Foot Clinic
Timothy St. John, D.P.M.
Podiatric Surgeon • Foot & Ankle
We Accept Most Insurance Plans
(517) 366-8822
Professional Foot Care With A Gentle Touch
We Accept Most Insurance Plans
• Arthritis • Heel Pain • Bunions • Warts •
• Hammer Toes • Plantar Fasciitis • Corns •
• Calluses • Ingrown Toenails • Sports Injuries •
• Gout • Diabetic Foot Problems •

Located 1/4 Mile West of Walmart • (M-55) 3179 W. Houghton Lake Drive

Special Buy!

17⁹⁷ 39 pc. Drill and Drive Set
313887 December

DuBois Lumber and Rental Center
6593 West M-72 Hwy Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-4831 (989) 348-9000

Store Hours: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Sunday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Shop Us Online @ www.duboislumber.dailbest.com

3 VISA CARDS
Rates as low as **8.99%** APR* FIXED

Northland has the right card for you!
Call, click, or visit today.
www.northlandcu.com 1-800-336-2328

NCUA
APR=Annual percentage rate. Offer good to qualified members.
\$5.00 minimum share account required.

Licensed & Insured

Jason Neeley - Owner Operator
RIVERTOWN
Construction Grayling, Inc.
989-344-8802
231-624-0107
PO Box 653, Grayling, MI

Since 1985

Barber Construction Inc.
Full Service Remodeling
2 Year Warranty
989-275-5703

Thomas S. Barber, CAPS, CGR, CGP
Office: 435 N. Fifth St., Roscommon
Mailing: 1210 Rough Ct., Roscommon, MI 48653
tbarber@charterinternet.com

Member: Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association, Michigan and National Association of Home Builders

We thought you might like a closer look.

Mercy Hospital Grayling announces the installation of the Aquilion 64 slice CT scanner - the most advanced, high-speed imaging available. Please join us for the unveiling of this unparalleled technology.

Community Open House
Monday, December 8, 5 - 7 pm
1100 East Michigan Avenue

MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING
Radiology Services

A member of Trinity Health | mercygrayling.com

ANTLER CREEK KENNELS
Pet Boarding & Grooming
 Scott & Nancy Asman
 1850 Ryno Rd (M-72)
 Lapeere, MI 49636
989-826-6637

• NEW FACILITY
 • IN FLOOR HEATING
 • INDOOR/OUTDOOR RUNS 6'x18'
 • COMPLETELY COVERED

• DOGS WALKED DAILY
 • MULTIPLE DOG DISCOUNTS
 • PICK-UP AVAILABLE
 • CATS WELCOME TOO!

Holiday Open House!
Holiday Cheer December 18th
Food & Drink! 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

HARD BODY 2
SPORTS CLUB

Special Membership Pricing for one day only!

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Nov. 30 of \$25 each: Mary Callewaert, Cheri Blaine and Wilma Case.

Grayling Promotional Association

Raffle winners for the Grayling Promotional Association's 2008 Festival of Trees were: the tree sponsored by Northern Lawn and Homecare, the military tree, was won by Sharon Klinger; the tree sponsored by Basic Communications was won by Courtney Langowski; the tree sponsored by Tahiti Tans was won by Flo Lucksted; the tree sponsored by DuBois Lumber and Rental Center was won by Cleone Mogle; the GPA gift certificate tree winner was Sandra Westover; the girls tree sponsored by Northern Lawn was won by Amy Leonard; the boys tree sponsored by Northern Lawn was won by Jeanne Reichelderfer; the tree sponsored by Jack Millikin Inc.

was won by Jason Prout; the tree sponsored by Family Dollar was won by Zack Osga; the tree sponsored by D.J. Brown was won by Carol Lovely; the GPA teddy bear tree (silent auction), was won by Owen Barnes; the tree sponsored by Heads Up North was won by Alan Schaeffer; the tree sponsored by A Cut Above was won by Brie Koves; the tree sponsored by Lovliers was won by Dawn Burrick; the tree sponsored by Riverland Clothing and Gifts (silent auction), was won by Alexis Cherven; the tree sponsored by Mercy Rehab Services was won by Bonnie Lange; the tree sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 3993 was won by Carolyn DiPonio; the tree sponsored by the District Health Department was won by April Ashton; the tree sponsored by the Grayling Restaurant was won by Ed Mogle; the tree sponsored by the Crawford AuSable United School Employees was won by

Shirley Schmoock; the tree sponsored by Salon Rue' was won by Jim Brewer; the tree sponsored by Xpress Copy was won by Sara Longacre; the tree sponsored by Canadian Steak & Fish was won by Sandy Steele; the tree sponsored by Northland Area Federal Credit Union was won by Kim Murphy; the tree sponsored by Mary Kay Cometica and Monavie was won by Vickie Bohley; the tree sponsored by Hallmark (silent auction), was won by Robert Stott; the tree sponsored by the AuSable Red Hatters was won by Linda Munsey; the tree sponsored by Cornell Insurance was won by D. Schafter; the tree sponsored by Spikes Keg O' Nails was won by Tom Everly; and the tree sponsored by Huntington National Bank was won by Becky Posgate. The winner of the most popular tree was D.J. Brown for her Michigan State Tree.

The Festival of Trees gift winners: a AAA center-

piece was won by Ann Doly; from GPA, a penguin and a train set was won by Dorothy Duff; a Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home centerpiece was won by Tina Foster; the GPA Big Penguin set was won by Joe Dell; GPA poinsettia trees were won by Larry Millikin; a Kodiak Group bird house was won by Patty Hanson; a lamp from the Brickery was won by Nancy Croze; a gift basket from Doorways of the North was won by Joan Davenport; a gift card and cash from Weyerhaeuser was won by Barb Bowers; from Fick & Sons, a Glen's card was won by Mo McNamara; GPA's three small trees were won by Betty Heaton; the Northrop Tree and Crane girls bike was won by Bev Ziehm; the Cornell Insurance boys bike was won by Marge Franklin; jewelry by Shirley Schmoock was won by Mo McNamara; and a wreath from the Animal Shelter was won by Sandy Machnes.

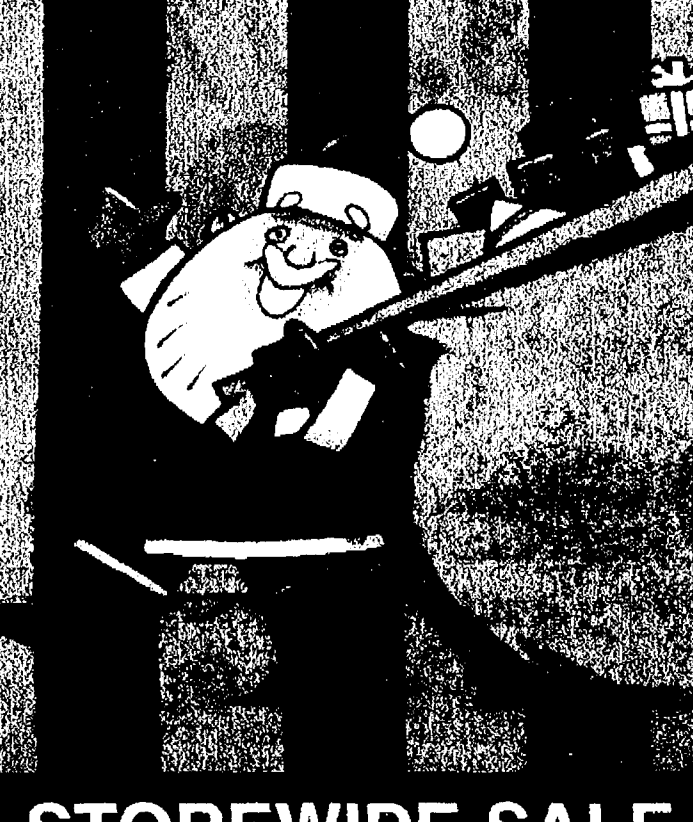
Births

Crystal Lane and Jon King, of Roscommon, announce the birth of a daughter, Kaitlyn Kathryn, born at Mercy Hospital on November 24, 2008,

at 1:30 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 18 inches in length.

Erin and Eric Brinks, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Owen

Robert, born at Mercy Hospital on November 25, 2008, at 8:27 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.




SANTA SUGGESTS...

STOREWIDE SALE
 Consign in Grayling
 Consignment/Resale Store

The holidays are approaching so come in and find that wonderful and unique gift for that special someone. In store specials daily.

HOLIDAY HOURS STARTING NOVEMBER 29 THROUGH DECEMBER 23
 10AM TO 6PM-MONDAY-FRIDAY
 10AM TO 5PM-SATURDAY

Searching For The Perfect Christmas Gift?




How About a Car Detail from J.J.'s Motor Mall!!

Let Us Make Their Car, Truck, or Van Look New!

*Gift Certificates Available

JJ's Motor Mall
 M-72 West (across from Skip's Sport Shop)
348-7710
 Appointments necessary!!

EdenPURE Heaters



\$379

648-7678

We Now Have a Tanning Bed at Heads Up North

The first six to purchase a tanning package for a month receive a free bottle of tanning lotion.

Heads Up North

Gift Certificates Available
 Call for an appointment
989-348-7890

Layaway Now for Christmas Gift Certificates Available

The Bicycle SHOP

Sales & Service • Tons of Accessories

989-348-6868

200 E. Michigan Ave. • Grayling, MI 49738
 20% Off your next purchase with this ad *Excludes Bikes

TAHITI TANS AND HAIR SALON

15% off your next chemical service, or product choice (Expires 2/1/2009)

15% off your next tanning package, or lotion choice (Expires 2/1/2009)

Bring in this add to receive your coupon

Gift Certificates make great stocking stuffers!

6264 W. M-72 Highway
 Grayling, MI 49738
989-344-8434

Great gift idea for Mom or Dad

Reclining Lift Chairs
 starting at \$599

3 styles, many colors, in stock for Christmas delivery.

COMFORT CENTER

GRAYLING
 M-72 WEST
 1-989-348-2965
 1-800-968-8765
 M-F 9-6, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 11-3

J. DAP CO.

UNIQUE GIFTS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

- Candles • Toys
- Kitchen Items • Jewelry
- Home Decor • Specialty Food
- Free Gift Wrapping
- Layaway Available

Something for everyone on your Christmas list all at affordable prices!

JCPENNEY CATALOG MERCHANT
 HAVE YOUR JCPENNEY ORDER SHIPPED TO OUR STORE.

118 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI
989-348-4011

Medicine Shoppe's Christmas Gift Ideas

- Shower/Bathhub Seat
- Bathhub Transfer Bench
- Digital Ear Thermometer
- Digital Blood Pressure Monitor
- Blood Sugar Meter

Open Mon-Fri: 9-6, Sat: 9:30-1

989-348-2000
 500 N. James St. • Grayling

Senior-heavy team learns new offense for 2008-2009 season

Boys basketball squad to play at Roscommon on Tuesday night

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

This year's Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team – a group that will be senior-heavy with nine 12th graders – is learning a new offense as part of its preparation for the 2008-2009 season, which starts with a game at Roscommon next Tuesday.

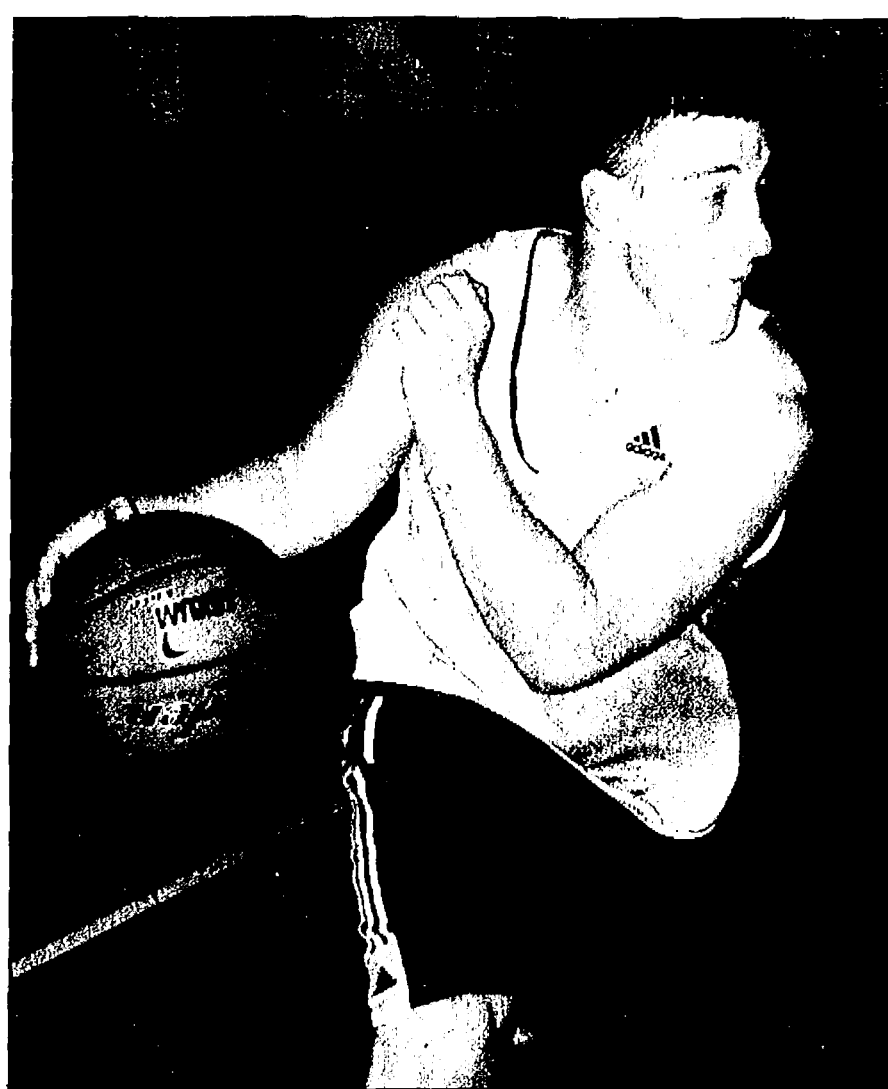
The squad has 13 players – nine seniors, three juniors, and one freshman. Seniors include Alex Gabriel, Spencer Dean, Trent Larm, Tyler Steffey, Ryan Foguth, Doug Gothro, Ross Teeple, Jacob Aubry, and Eric Ferrigan. Juniors include Colin Hamlin, James Schweizer, and Joe Tottingham. The team also has one freshman – Steven Enos.

The squad began its official practices on Monday, Nov. 17. Rich Moffit, who's in his 14th season as coach of the Vikings, said his team's practices so far have been "not bad – we're making progress. We've changed our offense to play to our

See **SENIOR-HEAVY** | 28



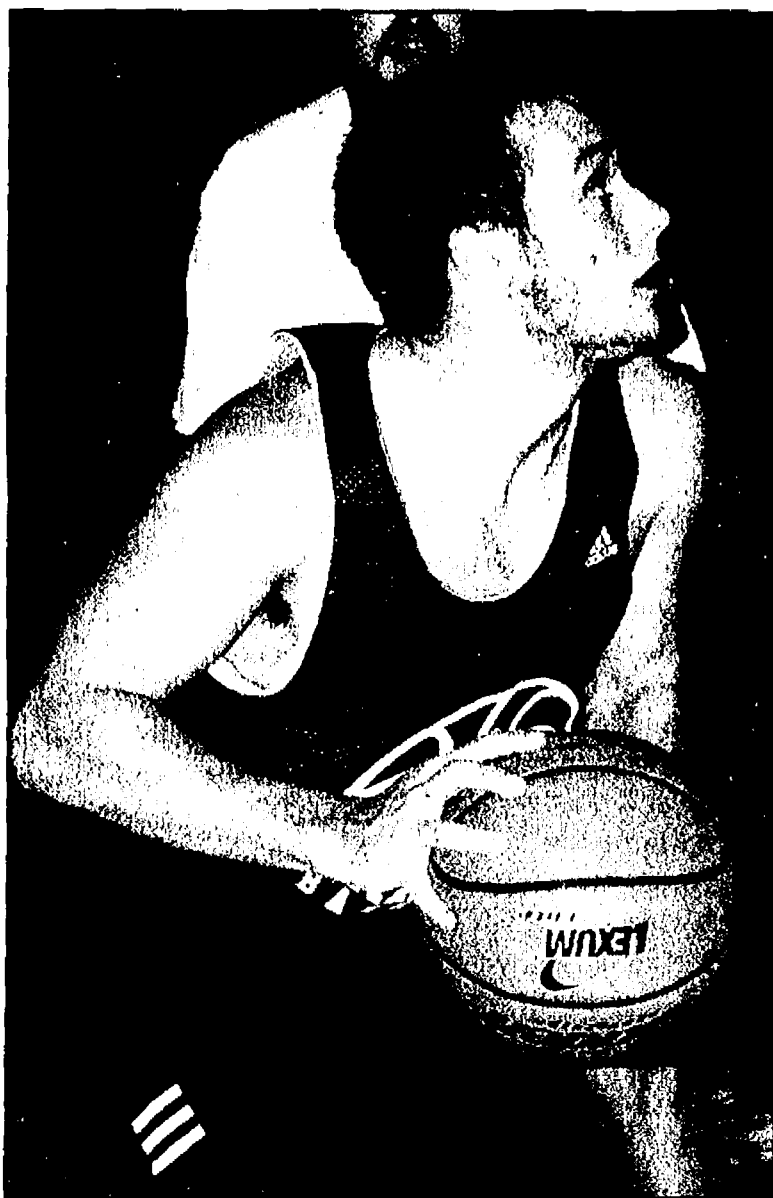
Ross Teeple takes an inside shot during a practice drill on Thursday, Nov. 20.



Ryan Foguth dribbles the ball for the Vikings during a recent varsity boys basketball practice.



Alex Gabriel battles for a loose ball during practice on Nov. 20.



Jacob Aubry sets up for an inside shot at a recent practice.



Spencer Dean pushes the ball up the floor during a practice drill.

Photos by Caleb Casey

Strong group of returners to lead this year's wrestling team

Vikings look to win third consecutive district title

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling High School wrestling team – a squad that has an active streak of two consecutive district titles – will rely heavily on a strong group of returning wrestlers during its quest for a third straight district championship and a second consecutive conference title this year.

As of last Wednesday, the team had 26 wrestlers – 15 returners and 11 athletes new to the team.

"Eleven first-timers – that's a huge positive," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "Kids that have never wrestled are out."

"We have 26 right now. Last year, we had about the same number start out, but we haven't had anyone drop this year, so we'll see," Coach Ferrigan said. "They've been pretty tough so far. We've beat the heck out of them in practice and they haven't given up."

Ferrigan specifically mentioned several wrestlers he expects will offer significant contributions this year.

See **STRONG GROUP** | 88



Ashten Linkhart wrestles against Drake Kaul during practice on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Losing a Loved One to Drugs or Alcohol?

We have the answer!

- Unique and Effective Approach to Recovery
- 28-to 45-day Intensive Residential Program
- Scenic Private Lake Setting
- Choose from 3 Program Enhancements:
Cognitive/Holistic • Self-Help • Faith-Based
- Body • Mind • Spirit
- Low-Cost/Financing Available

Start Living Life Again.

Call: A Forever Recovery
1-800-380-6812 www.stopyouraddiction.com

SAVE 50% ON YOUR HEATING BILL THIS WINTER!
One Time Only Factory Direct Sale SAVE \$100's
AS SEEN AND HEARD ON POPULAR TV AND RADIO PROGRAMS
iHeater Quartz Infrared Portable Heater

- Safely and efficiently heats wall to wall, for Pennies a day!
- Puts money in your pocket every month
- Heats up to 1500 Sq. Ft. for \$1/Day
- Lifetime Air Filter
- Factory Warranty
- Safe for kids and pets
- Cannot start fires
- Heats multiple rooms
- Save \$1000's on your heating bill

ONLY \$279 and FREE Shipping (while supplies last)
Call Now to order 1-800-469-0456 www.BestPriceHeating.com

iHeater
Infrared Quartz • Easy to Use

REG. PRICE \$379
NOW ONLY \$279

STOP LEG CRAMPS BEFORE THEY STOP YOU.

Calcet
Calcium Supplement

Calcet's triple calcium formula is designed to help stop low calcium leg cramps. Just ask your pharmacist.

Mission

WE CAN HANDLE ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS

WEDDING & SOCIAL INVITATIONS

BUSINESS CARDS

RAFFLE TICKETS

CUSTOM BUSINESS FORMS, STATEMENTS & INVOICES

LETTERHEAD & ENVELOPES

RUBBER STAMPS & SELF-INKING STAMPS

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE
102 Michigan Ave. • Grayling • (989) 348-6811
OPEN: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM

Now Introducing 90 Day Pay Delay!

Purchase a new home, or refinance your existing mortgage with Chemical Bank and take advantage of our new 90 Day Pay Delay program!

For a limited time, if you originate a mortgage with Chemical Bank you will not make a payment for 90 days*! Delay your payment today, and use your money for moving expenses, any necessary home repairs or even to pay for holiday presents!

Rates are still low, and our balloon rate of 5.49%/5.6983% APR** will provide you with the flexibility to meet your financial needs both today, and in the future!

To find out more about our great lending products or to find a mortgage lender near you, visit us at www.chemicalbankmi.com, stop by your local Chemical Bank office, or call 1-866-867-2627.



CHEMICALBANKMI.COM

*No Principal and Interest payment for 90 days. All prepaid interest will be amortized over the lifetime of the loan.
**Subject to credit approval. APR Annual Percentage Rate. In order to receive the promotional rate, all payments must be automatically deducted from a Chemical Bank account, or rate would be 5.865%/6.075% APR.



Eric Ferrigan, left, and Tyler Steffey, right, take inside shots while Assistant Coach Ryan Fritz applies simulated defensive contact during a practice drill on Thursday, Nov. 20.



Senior-heavy team learns new offense for 2008-2009 season

Continued from 1B strengths."

Coach Moffit said his team's strong point is "definitely our inside game. We've got some tall, athletic kids, so we're going to play to our strengths. It's a continuity motion offense. It uses a series of cuts and forces the kids to be active and move without the ball."

"We need to focus on defensive communication," Coach Moffit said. "Rebounding's improving for us. Offensively, (we need to work on) spacing and taking care of the ball, moving the ball to the open guy and creating shots."

With the season change last year — a switch that sent volleyball to the fall and moved girls basketball to the winter — both basketball programs have to share the gym, often at the same time.

"We haven't had full court yet. It's really tough because of the lack of facilities. I hope it doesn't put our kids at a disadvantage. It's tough — really tough," Coach Moffit said.

According to Moffit, the team's main four goals this year are: to have a winning season, to finish in the top



Photos by Caleb Casey

Trent Larm sets up for a shot during a recent varsity boys basketball practice at Grayling High School.

half of the Lake Michigan Conference, to win its district tournament, and to earn an academic all-state award as a group from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

"Traverse City St. Francis should be the class of the (Lake Michigan Conference)," Coach Moffit

said. "From there, there will be a lot of teams in the middle."

"I think our character's pretty decent," Coach Moffit said. "I think they're going to understand what it takes to be successful — it's just a matter of doing it."

The Vikings will open their 2008-2009 season

with a nonconference game at Roscommon on Tuesday, Dec. 9. The junior varsity teams will play at 6 p.m., and the varsity contest will follow.

Grayling's home opener is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13, vs. Suttons Bay. The JV teams will play at 6 p.m.

Kirtland Basketball

Women's team — The Kirtland Lady Firebirds shot 24 percent in the first half of their game on Saturday, Nov. 22, against the Lansing Community College Stars, leading to a 37-20 halftime deficit. A 46 percent effort in the second half brought them closer, but they were unable to complete the comeback, as they lost 70-58.

"We had a better second half," Kirtland Head Coach Tom Ritter said. "We just couldn't put the ball in the

hoop the first half."

Kaylon Leslie (Whittemore-Prescott) led the team with 22 points, nine rebounds, and one assist. Whitney Bonham (Ewart) had 17 points, nine rebounds, and one assist. Brooke Robinson (Standish-Sterling) had seven points, five rebounds, and one assist. Natasha (Augres-Sims) had four points and two assists. Joyana Englehart (Atlanta) had four points and one rebound. Katie Shea (Clare) had two points, four

rebounds, and one assist. Kassi McConnell (Clare) had two points, two rebounds, and three assists. Jo'ell Cruise (Inland Lakes) had one assist.

Men's team — A strong 30-point performance by Torey Throope (Vestaburg) wasn't enough for the Kirtland Firebirds men's basketball team on Saturday, Nov. 22. The Lansing Community College Stars played to an 81-66 victory, leading most of the way, including a 42-27 edge at the half.

Throope hit five of his 10 three-point shots and was seven of eight from the line en route to his 30 points. He also grabbed seven rebounds.

Klavs Bogdanovics (Latvia/Ravenswood, WV) put in 12 points, Nick Simpson (Bay City All Saints) had 11 points and 11 rebounds, Duane Marcelis (Madison Heights) had seven points and two rebounds, Marc Wallace (Kalkaska) had three points and four assists, and Robert Phillips (Gaylord) had two points, four assists, and one rebound.



A Stable Financial Pillar in our Community



"Where people are worth more than money"

www.northlandcu.com 1-800-336-2328

Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465

GMS Basketball

7th grade "green" (boys)
- The GMS 7th grade "green" boys basketball squad won two games last week, finishing the first half of its 2008 season with a 5-1 overall record.

On Wednesday, the Vikings defeated West Branch 33-8 at Grayling Middle School.

Top scorers for Grayling were Scott Wakely (10) and Matt Burrell (9).

"The team had their best rebounding game of the year with Peyton Zigila and Justice Junttila being the leading rebounders. The team played great defense and shut out the West Branch team during the second half," Coach Doug Pummell said.

On Monday, the team played Boyne City at home and won 47-38. Top scorers were Tyler McClanahan (14) and Jake Swander (10).

"Boyne was up by one going into the fourth quarter, but the team played great defense and held them to only four points to seal the win," Coach Pummell said.

On Nov. 19, the team traveled to East Jordan and won by a final score of 45-20.

"The game was close - 16-11 - at the end of the first quarter, but the team played great defense, causing a lot of turnovers and holding East Jordan to eight points over the last three quarters," Coach Pummell said.

Leading scorers for GMS were Burrell (14) and Swander (9).

In the squad's second game of the season, Grayling lost by six points vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

"(We) fell behind 9-0 in the first minute of the game and had to play catch up the rest of the night. The game was tied in the fourth quarter, but St. Francis won the game 43-37," Coach Pummell said.

Burrell (9) and McClanahan (7) were Grayling's leading scorers.

"We look forward to playing this team again the last week of the season," Coach Pummell said.

On Nov. 18, Grayling defeated Elk Rapids 35-18 at GMS.

"The team did a nice job boxing out and rebounding against a much taller team," Coach Pummell said.

Leading scorers were Junttila (8), McClanahan

(7), and Michael Branch (6).

The team opened its season on Oct. 29 with a 55-9 win vs. West Branch.

Every player on the Grayling roster scored points in the contest. Zigila (13) and McClanahan (9) were the leading scorers for Grayling.

"This team plays really well together and have been well coached in the past. They came in with a good knowledge of the game and all of them really see the floor well and have good basic skills. We will improve and build on those skills over the course of the season," Coach Pummell said.

The "green" team includes Brandon Latusek, Branch, McClanahan, Swander, Wakely, Burrell, Junttila, Zigila, and Mitchell Thompson.

The squad plays at Charlevoix on Monday, Dec. 8.

8th grade "green" (boys)
- Grayling Middle School's 8th grade "green" boys basketball team (3-3 overall) won one game and lost one game last week.

The Vikings won 52-21 at West Branch on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

"We played as a complete team tonight for the first time. Everything was working, including our transition offense. We have worked and worked on this in practice and I was thrilled to finally see the boys put it together on the court," Coach Rocky Tobin said. "I couldn't be more pleased with what I saw out of all of them tonight."

Scott Parkinson had 19 points for GMS and Wes Dean had 10 points.

On Monday, Nov. 24, the Vikings lost a home game vs. Boyne City.

"It was a tough loss for us," Coach Tobin said. "They had two big guards that were just unstoppable. I was proud of the way the boys played. Last year, as 7th graders, this team beat us by over 45 points, so to come away with a 56-37 loss, I feel like we've made some improvements, although we still have some work to do."

"I can't say enough about the dedication and determination of these boys on the court. They just don't give up," Coach Tobin said.

The team plays at Charlevoix and Elk Rapids next week.

Cost-Effective Statewide Coverage

MPA
Michigan Press
827 N. Washington
Lansing, MI 48204
Phone: 517.372.2222
Fax: 517.372.2429
MichiganPress.org
Mi-Dan@MichiganPress.org

Place your 2x2 display ad and reach over 1.5 million readers for just \$999! Place a 25-word classified ad and reach over 4 million readers for just \$299! Contact this newspaper or Michigan Press Association.

It's Not About the House...



It's about the family that lives in the house.

As a local independent agent, we can design an insurance program that's just right for you and your family. Give the people you love Safe.Sound.Secure.® protection from Auto-Owners Insurance Company.

Auto-Owners Insurance



CORNELL AGENCY, INC. INSURANCE

P.O. Box 527

201 Huron St. Grayling

348-6761 • 1-800-666-8896

Legal Action

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald Balmes and Vivian Balmes, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 1998 and recorded February 9, 1998 in Liber 446, Page 589, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Old Kent Mortgage Company now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and 39/100 Dollars (\$93,730.39) including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 17, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 31, 32 and 33, Skyline Heights, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 13, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 200.3574
-13-20-27-4

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald R. Calkins and Debra L. Calkins, as

joint tenants, husband and wife, to Nationstar Mortgage LLC fka Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004 and recorded November 5, 2004 in Liber 672, Page 351, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 19/100 Dollars (\$123,890.19) including interest at 13.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of section 2, town 25 North range 4 West; commencing at the Southwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East on the section line 165 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 48 minutes East, 264 ft; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East, 412.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 48 minutes West 264 feet to the section line; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes West on same, 412.5 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 20, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 426.0124
-20-27-4-11

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sue A. Pasko, a married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2005 and recorded April 29, 2005 in Liber 675, Page 210, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the

date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$46,109.50) including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan for a point of beginning; thence South 20 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence North 20 rods; thence East 4 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 20, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 241.1575
-20-27-4-11

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bruce H. Dale III and Deborah D. Dale, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to North Area Central Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 12th day of June, 2003 and recorded

in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 30th day of October, 2003 in Liber 657 of Crawford County Records, page 135, said Mortgage having been assigned to North Area Central Credit Union on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six & 06/100 (\$11,786.06), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of January, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary thereon at 6.000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, T26N, R2W, lying on the South side of M-72 as now surveyed During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: 11/19/2008 North Area Central Credit Union Mortgagee FAB-RIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for North Area Central Credit Union 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48064 248-362-2600 ASAP# 2928619 11/20/2008,

11/27/2008, 12/11/2008
12/04/2008, -20-27-4-11

NOTICE

DONALD STEVENS:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Danielle Michelle Atkins, a child born to Kimberly Louise Atkins on August 26, 1995, in Crawford County, Michigan. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to file an Answer to the Petition to Termination Parental Rights with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, and to serve a copy of that Answer upon Susan D. Kovac, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 531 Henley Street, Suite 531, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be December 4, 2008, and/or to appear for trial on January 6, 2009 at 9:00 AM, at Knox County Juvenile Court. If you fail to do so, a judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n), Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P., and Rules 1 and 39 of the Tenn. R. of Juv. P. for the relief demanded in the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office at the address shown above.

ENTER this the 9th day of October, 2008.

Timothy E. Irwin
JUDGE

PREPARED FOR ENTRY:
Susan D. Kovac, BPR #5189
Regional General Counsel
Department of Children's Services
531 Henley Street, Suite 531
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
-13-20-27-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-

LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dan R Baker and Kathleen I Baker, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 16, 2006, and recorded on November 14, 2006 in Liber 684 on Page 162, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty And 58/100 Dollars (\$41,950.58), including interest at 8.96% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of West 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 25 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 13, 2008
For more information, please call:
FCL 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #216800F03
-13-20-27-4

PUBLIC NOTICE Frederic Township Property Owners

Frederic Township Board of Review will meet on Dec. 9th, 2008 at 4:00 PM in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

The purpose of this meeting is to correct any errors or mutual mistakes of fact on assessments.

William Johnson
Township Supervisor

Attention Grayling Township Residents

2009 trash disposal decals are now on sale in the township offices at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling.

The price again this year is \$60.00

Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary A. Daneluk, a single man and Tamara L. Harwood, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2007, and recorded on October 23, 2007 in Liber 689 on Page 43, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen And 53/100 Dollars (\$82,916.53), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B-1: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West, thence South 87 degrees 58 minutes East 330.0 feet along the Section line, thence North 0 degrees 40 minutes West 393.07 feet, thence North 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds East 318.85 feet, along center line of County Road 612 to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds East 207.49 feet, on said line, thence North 53 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 137.62 feet along Northerly line of Railroad Grade, thence North 0 degrees 39 minutes West 702.68 feet, thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes West 314.48 feet, thence South 0 degrees 40 minutes East 828.06 feet to the point of beginning.

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 27, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-2525

File #232053F01

-27-4-11-18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darrin E. Hawes and Raquel V. Hawes aka Raquel V. Schaub, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First Federal of Michigan, The Michigan operating name of Charter One Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2001, and recorded on September 5, 2001 in Liber 0551 on Page 534, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty And 02/100 Dollars (\$52,360.02), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Ausable Trails Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6

months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 27, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-2525

File #232613F01

-27-4-11-18

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, Husband and Wife

to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, by assignment dated December 6, 2004 and recorded March 12, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 579, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$72,828.13) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on January 7, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 210 Rolla, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: NOVEMBER 25, 2008
Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-02137

-4-11-18-25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage

made by David D. Lamb, a married man, and Amy L. Lamb, his wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 5, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on October 17, 2000, in Liber 520, Page(s) 541, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$50,564.23, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by David D. Lamb, a married man, and Amy L. Lamb, his wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 11.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on December 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 14, WHITE PINE ESTATE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 30, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2000 Dutch Mobile Home, Serial Number 29899D.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.)

By: DONALD A. BRANDT
(P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street,
P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan
49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: November 6, 2008
-13-20-27-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Tammie M. Ledesma, a Single Woman

to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Intervale Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2006 and recorded August 15, 2006 in Liber 682 Page 799 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE4, by assignment dated April 2, 2007 and recorded April 11, 2007 in Liber 686, Page 246, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$58,450.20) including interest 10.34% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on January 7, 2009

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 24, Roffee's Addition

to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 706 Park St, Grayling MI 49738
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: NOVEMBER 20, 2008
U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE4,

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123

Our File No:

08-01939

-27-4-11-18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl E. Simpson, a married man, Violet Simpson, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 18, 2006, and recorded on January 18, 2007 in Liber 684 on Page 937, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Seven And 90/100 Dollars (\$31,847.90), including interest at 8.138% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 25, Creekview No. 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

Includes a 2000 Fall Creek Manufactured Home Serial No. FC0123800AB, Certificate No. 350T2960065 C. Permanently affixed on above description

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 13, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #212900F02

-13-20-27-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

LEARMAN, SAROW, BIRCHLER, FITZHUGH & PURTELL, PLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION

OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by Edward Youhanna and Linda Youhanna, husband and wife, to GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, mortgagee in a mortgage dated May 8, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Crawford County Register of Deeds on May 17, 2006, at Liber 681, page 533, of Crawford County Records. The balance claimed owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is Twenty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-eight and 43/100 (\$29,888.43) Dollars. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property, described in the mortgage at public auction on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan (that being the place where the Crawford County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest charges at the rate of 9.05%, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel 16: Situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan to-wit: being part of Section 35, Town 25 North, Range 1 West, commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 35; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 10 seconds West along the West Section line 1306.90 feet; thence South 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East along the North one-eighth line 658.16 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East 658.56 feet to the West one-eighth line; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds West along the West one-eighth line 654.04 feet; thence North 87 degrees 30 minutes 33 seconds West 658.50 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 01 seconds East 652.77 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with and subject to: A 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of utilities, including the right to remove brush and trees from the easement, being more particularly described as follows: To find the Point of Beginning, commence at the West quarter corner of said Section 35; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 10 seconds West along the West Section line 1273.87 feet for a Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East 2631.77 feet; thence South 87 degrees 25 minutes 23 seconds East 1899.15 feet; thence Southeasterly along the arc of a tangent 30.00 foot radius curve to the right 25.65 feet, of which the chord bears South 62 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds East 24.87 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of a tangent 66.00 foot radius curve to the left of which the chord bears North 02 degrees 35 minutes 35 seconds East 86.62 feet; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a tangent 30.00 foot radius curve to the right 25.65 feet, of which the chord bears South 68 degrees 06 minutes 01 seconds West 24.87 feet; thence North 87 degrees 25 minutes 23 seconds West 1899.15 feet; thence North 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds West 2635.09 feet to the West Section line; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 01 seconds East along said Section line 66.08 feet to the Point of Beginning. Also Subject to: a private 12 foot wide easement for the installation, maintenance of public utilities, including the right to remove brush and trees from the easement. Said easement being the Northerly 12 feet of the Southerly 45 feet of said parcel.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of sale pursuant to MCL §600.3240, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: November 4, 2008
GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, Mortgagee

Drafted by:
J. Joseph Purtell, Attorney for Mortgagee
Learnman, Sarow, Birchler, Fitzhugh & Purtell, PLC
900 Center Avenue
Bay City, Michigan 48708-6118
Telephone: (989) 892-0591

-13-20-27-4-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Grayling Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall to receive public input on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite:

Written comments will be received by the City Clerk until December 12, 2008.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact The Grayling City Office at 989-348-2131 seven days prior to the meeting.

Michele A. Moshier, City Clerk
City of Grayling
1020 City Boulevard / P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738

Crawford County Road Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

The Crawford County Road Commission in conjunction with the Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling will be holding a Public Hearing on December 11, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting location shall be at the Crawford County Road Commission office in Grayling, office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-00648.

Purpose for the public hearing will be to address and approve the selection of proposed projects eligible for Federal and State aid funding.

Upon completion the Board will present the recommended proposed projects to the Regional Task Force for Consideration.

Additional information may be obtained from the Road Commission Office. Road Commission phone (989) 348-2281 or fax (989) 348-6933.

Prepared for the Crawford County Road Commission, Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newspapers.
Your Right to Know, Delivered Right to Your Door.



Features

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago December 5, 1985

Camp Grayling will receive \$7.8 million in funding for construction and renovation in a bill supported by Congressman Bill Schuette that passed in the House last week. The funds will be used to construct a new heavy equipment maintenance training center, to winterize 20 buildings for year-round use and to construct seven motor pool buildings with maintenance shops.

High school wrestling teams don't come much younger than this year's Viking squad. Coach Don Ferguson's team will have only one senior and two juniors on a squad loaded with freshmen and sophomores. The three upperclassmen are not returning lettermen. The squad will probably be led by sophomore Bucky Monforton, a state qualifier last year.

Fifteen vehicles were damaged and 10 others went into ditches in a giant multi-vehicle accident Monday on I-75 south, about a quarter mile south of Four Mile Road. Only minor injuries were reported in the accident that occurred at 12:55 p.m. Due to the many accidents along I-75 Monday, both north and south bound lanes were closed from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Kevin Hudson and Jim Laurent, from the Grayling High School football team, were named to the Michigan Huron Shores All-League first team. George

Duncan and Todd Klinger from the high school football team were named as Honorable Mention All-League team.

The Grayling girls basketball team outplayed Roscommon the first half and was on the way to district finals when a horrible shooting spell struck. Grayling lost a 20-17 half-time lead and trailed 33-27 after the third quarter. Roscommon continued to pour it on for a 53-35 district tournament win.

A plan, to convert Camp Shawono into a youth training school and regional detention center, will be discussed by state and local Department of Social Services officials, Crawford County Sheriff's Department officers and Michigan State Police officials at a meeting on Dec. 17. A proposal by the DSS Office of Children and Youth Services Residential Care Division calls for switching Camp Shawono to a training school and regional detention center and keeping Camp Nokomis as a youth rehabilitation camp. Currently, Camp Shawono and Camp Nokomis are the only two DSS youth rehabilitation camps in the state.

46 Years Ago December 6, 1962

Last Tuesday, the Frederic Eagles basketball team played Inland Lake High School from Indian River at the Frederic High School gym. After 8 points all first quarter, the Eagles dropped

behind by 5 points at intermission. It was a very bad third quarter. This spelled defeat for the Eagles, as they dropped behind Inland Lakes by 20 points. They battled back in the fourth to cut the lead by a couple of points, but lost 55 to 37.

Gary Lucksted and Jim Young, backfield performers for the 1962 Grayling High School football team, were given honorable mention by the Detroit Free Press in their Sunday selection of All State football teams. Lucksted and Young are both juniors and will be eligible for another year of play in 1963.

The Grayling and Frederic Post Offices have many additional responsibilities as well as numerous extra services to offer the public during the 1962 Christmas season. An urgent appeal was made for the public to mail early. For use during the Christmas rush, the post office is offering a new 4-cent Christmas stamp and is preparing for new postage rates starting Jan. 7. First class mail letters will be 5 cents.

69 Years Ago December 7, 1939

Connie Confer is the new waitress at Mac's Hamburg Bar.

When driving into Frederic, take special notice of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dunckley's new log cabin. The major part of the work was done by Mr. Dunckley and his sons.

John Selesky is the new clerk at the Cash and Carry store, taking the place of

Alex Kochanowski.

Workmen are busy remodeling Mrs. Thomas Cassidy's building, next door to Shoppenagon's Grill, that was recently used as a state liquor store. This will be used as a liquor lounge in connection with the inn. New leather covered furniture and fixtures have been ordered. The place should be ready around Christmas time and promises to be the most modern cocktail lounge in northern Michigan. The floor will be built for dancing. Anton Kangas is doing the remodeling.

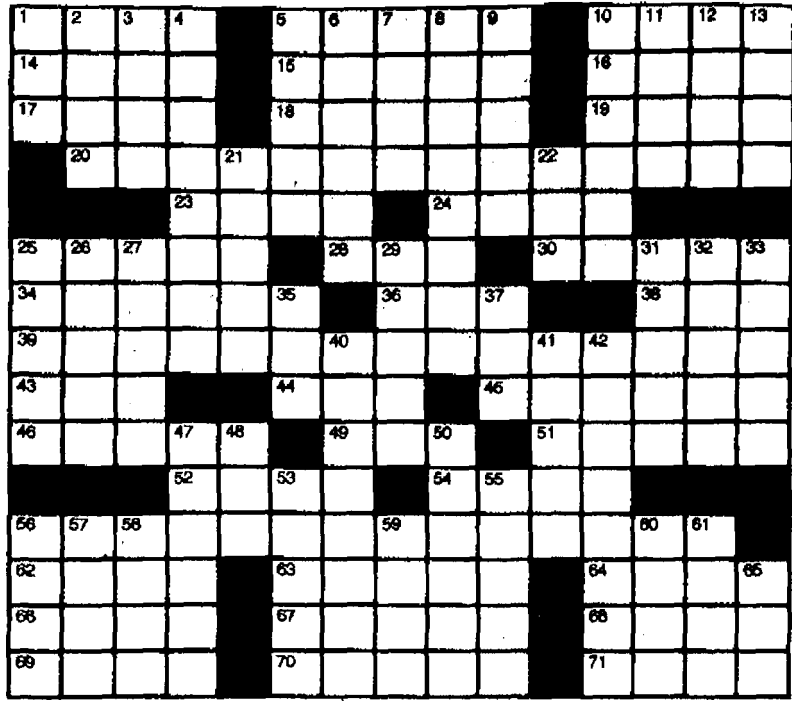
Friday, Coach Cornell and the Green and White basketball team drove to Alpena to play the Thunderbolts. Alpena had a 7-0 lead in the first quarter and held that lead with the score being 29-16 at the end of the game.

92 Years Ago December 7, 1916

Mrs. James Cameron, and her daughter Miss Fern, are spending the week in Standish visiting friends. Mrs. Cameron just finished a term of teaching in the Wakeley School at Sigsbee.

Dr. and Mrs. Keyport opened their beautiful new home on Peninsular Avenue and entertained a few friends for dinner.

Earl Hewitt has accepted a position at the DuPont plant and Earl McMahon is filling his place at the Express office as a deliveryman.



Across

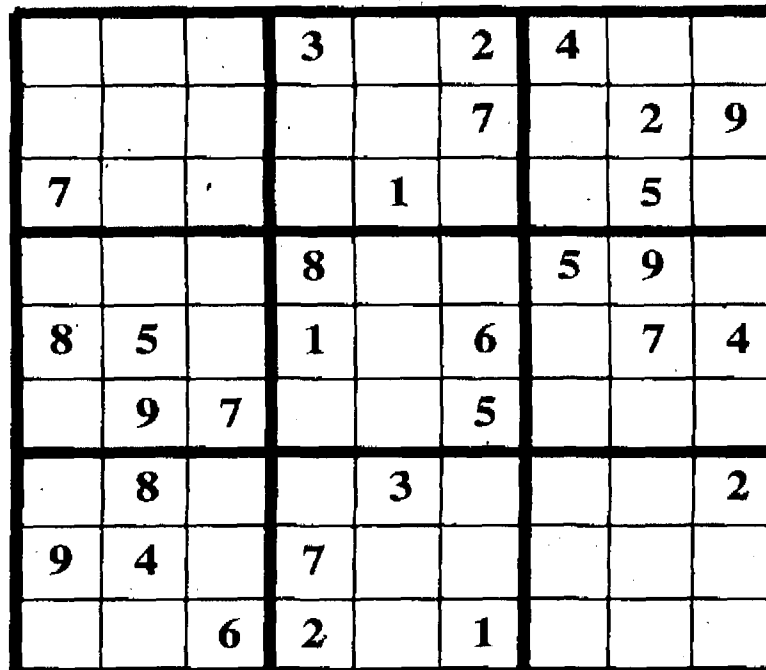
- Low in pitch
- Star Trek character
- Blemish
- Asian nurse
- "The Nutcracker" lead
- 100 krus
- Apprentice
- Like Cheerios
- "Idylls of the King" character
- "Everyone for himself"
- noir
- Gluttons
- Enthusiastic approval
- Schuss, e.g.
- Ropes used by a hangman
- Spurred
- "moment"
- grecque (cooked in olive oil, lemon juice, wine and herbs, and served cold)
- Governor of high rank
- Barely get, with "out"
- Alicia of "Falcon Crest"
- Shoe with a fringed tongue that flaps over the instep
- Churchill Downs event
- "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
- Central points
- Ballet move
- and aahs
- Situation in which a favourable outcome is impossible
- Bypass
- Eye drops
- "O" in old radio lingo
- Bills, e.g.
- Santa's reindeer, e.g.
- Pesky insects
- "Trick" joint
- Marsh growth
- Increase, with "up"

Down

- Dracula, at times
- nitrate
- "Smile" (1976 hit)
- Give an exhibition of
- Knock, with "at"
- Dishes
- "@#\$%", e.g.
- Going stealthily or furtively
- System for writing Japanese using adapted Chinese character
- Strip blubber or skin from
- Diminutive suffix
- Husk
- 1973 Supreme Court decision name
- Horse opera
- "Bleah!"
- Encouraged, with "on"
- United States journalist
- Fan
- Holy text
- Exchanges
- Braid
- Corporate department
- lab
- "A rat!"
- Single whole piece
- Dusk to dawn
- Deliberate acts of omission
- Cheerful
- Appetite
- Gone bad
- Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
- Kilns
- Make small marks into surface of
- Arab League member
- Cheeky
- "Soap" family name
- Final notice
- Do, for example
- Clairvoyance, e.g.

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



Generated by <http://www.opensky.ca/~jphildet/software/sudoku/> on Tue Mar 25 19:22:07 2008 GMT. Enjoy!

(PUZZLE #21 Medium Difficulty Rating 0.67)
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of December 4, 2008



December 22 - January 19

Oh yeah, Capricorn. Your can-do attitude and ability to make tough calls impresses many and you are given the lead on a project. A home repair is completed on time.



March 21 - April 19

Feeling contrary, Aries? Think before you speak. You don't want to cause a ruckus. A friend reminds you of an important event. Start the planning now.



June 22 - July 22

Retreat, Cancer. You've done enough for a friend and now it's time to step away and give them the gift of mulling through. A dream must be sacrificed for the greater good.



September 23 - October 22

You like to take risks, Libra, but not where your health is concerned. Whatever is bugging you can be fixed easily. Get a move on. Romance burns bright at home.



January 20 - February 18

You're not one to drag your feet, Aquarius, but a project at home has got you stumped. It may be time to call on the pros. A remark at work catches you off guard.



April 20 - May 20

You're definitely a cheerleader, Taurus, and when the chips are down, you'll have to pull out all of the tricks to motivate the team to get back on track and keep plugging away.



July 23 - August 22

You're much too nice, Leo, and it's high time that you took up for yourself and considered your needs first. No one else is going to look out for you.



October 23 - November 21

You're on the right track at home, Scorpio, and don't let others tell you otherwise. A reunion is around the corner. Start your travel plans now.



February 19 - March 20

You can no longer hide a matter, Pisces. Let everyone know what has been going on, no matter how much it may sting. The truth must come out.



May 21 - June 21

Practice what you preach, Gemini. All eyes will be on you this week, and you must set an example. A phone call is no cause for concern.



August 23 - September 22

Looking for another source of income, Virgo? You might want to turn to your hobbies. One of them could prove to be very lucrative, especially at this time of year.



November 22 - December 21

Watch it, Sagittarius. Your constant bellyaching about this and that is getting old. Take a look around you. You have so much to be thankful for.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET



Jacob & Garth

Jacob says that you should adopt Garth from the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter because "he is friendly, calm and homeless." Come to the shelter and meet Garth and all of the other animals waiting for new homes.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,

10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.ascc.petfinder.com

WE'RE OVERLOADED!
The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



FUDGY FIG-NUT BROWNIES

Ingredients:

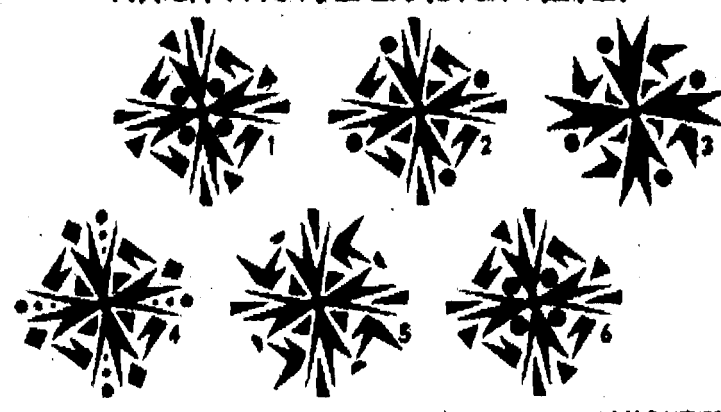
- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 3 large eggs | 2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder |
| 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar | 1 cup stemmed and chopped golden or mission figs |
| 1/4 cup canola oil | 1/3 cup chopped, toasted walnuts |
| 1 tsp. vanilla extract | |
| 1 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped | |
| 1 cup all-purpose flour | |
| 1/4 tsp. salt | |

Directions: Preheat oven to 325°. Coat 8-inch square baking pan with non-stick spray. In medium bowl, lightly beat eggs with wire whisk. Add sugar and whisk until well-blended. Whisk in oil and vanilla. Melt chocolate in small bowl in microwave oven on 50 percent power for two to three minutes, stirring every minute. Whisk chocolate into egg mixture. In small bowl, stir together flour, cocoa and salt. Stir flour mixture into chocolate mixture, blending until smooth; batter will be stiff. Stir in figs and walnuts. Spread batter in baking pan. Bake for 35 minutes or until pick inserted in center comes out with a few crumbs attached. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into 16 brownies.

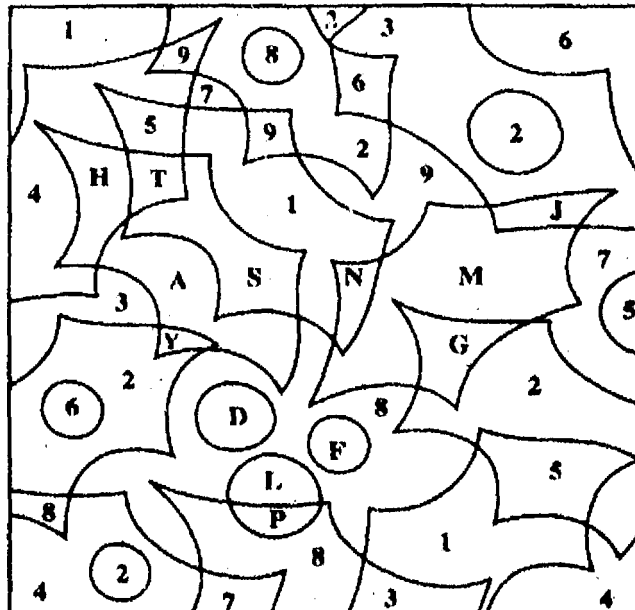
Makes: 16 Brownies

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow inches
11/25	32	28	9
11/26	31	28	9
11/27	32	28	9
11/28	33	29	10
11/29	31	20	10
11/30	35	7	10
12/1	33	8	14

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 24	High 21	High 25	High 25	High 25	High 28
Low 15	Low 16	Low 19	Low 21	Low 16	Low 21
Snow Showers Windy	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy

Classified

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classifieds must be paid for in advance
Display Advertising Rate - \$8 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - Noon, Monday
Classifieds by the word rates - \$6 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes internet listings: www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com
Classified by the word deadline - Noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

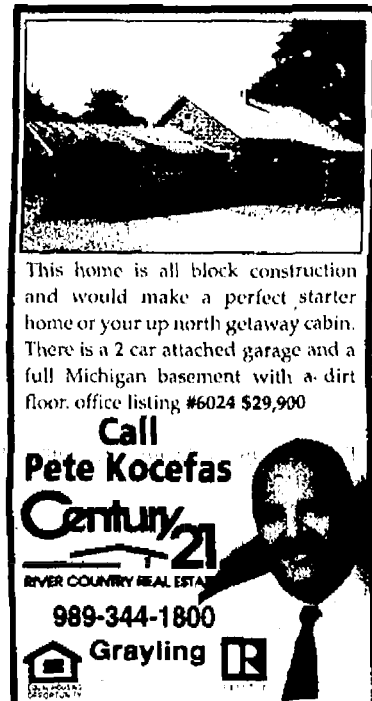
2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

FOR SALE Hunt camp with well and electric, secluded, adjoining state land, 24' travel trailer included. \$19,900. 989-329-3249. (-27-4/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. FHA, no money down available. \$89,000. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/1)

BEAUTIFUL HOME In town of Frederic. Great shape, new carpet, new paint. 4 bedrooms, large yard, 2 car garage, carport, full basement and new appliances. Don't miss this one! \$75,000. Call 989-348-5587. (-4-11/1)



This home is all block construction and would make a perfect starter home or your up north getaway cabin. There is a 2 car attached garage and a full Michigan basement with a dirt floor. office listing #6024 \$29,900

Call
Pete Kocenas
Century 21
RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE
989-344-1800
Grayling

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment located at 911 Elm Street, Grayling. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (12/4/08tf/2)

Cobble Creek II Apartments
offered in Crawford County by Gardner Management
Newly renovated inside and out.
One and Two Bedroom Units Available
Heat, Water/Sewer, Landscaping, Snowplowing and Trash Removal Included with Rent
• Barrier Free Units Available
• Laundry Facilities
• Rent Based on Income
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
989-362-4971
TDD 1-800-760-1997
or pick up application at property
140 Knight St., Grayling
Income Restrictions Apply

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS. 306 Knight St. in Grayling, one bedroom unit available. Rent based on income, minimum \$455 includes heat. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Send this ad with application and your second month is free! Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-27-4/2)

FOR RENT OR LEASE With option to buy. Very nice, clean, 2,000 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath house in country two miles north of Higgins Lake, move in condition. Great yard with large deck, gas fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage, C/A schools, references plus security deposit required, \$850. 989-329-4826. (-27-4/2)

BIG HOUSE Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at www.qualityhomerentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08tf/2)

FOR RENT Efficiency apartment in Frederic. \$375 a month, \$200 deposit. Includes heat, electric, plowing, garbage and cable TV. 348-2137. No pets. (-4-11/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom house. \$425 a month plus utilities, \$400 security deposit required. 101 D. State Street. Call 989-430-7497. (-4/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

FOR RENT OR LEASE With option to buy. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom house between Roscommon and Grayling. Attached 1 1/2 car garage, all appliances furnished. Will consider pet. Negotiable snowplowing and yard work. References plus security deposit. \$575. 989-329-4826. (-27-4/2)

TWO BEDROOM 1 bath. Washer and dryer hook up, refrigerator and range included, utilities not included, no pets. \$450 a month plus security. 6272 Old Lake Rd. 989-348-4716. (11/6/08tf/2)

2 BEDROOM 2 bath, non-smoking, no pets, \$550 a month plus electric. 348-4840. (-4-11/2)

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom duplex apartment with attached garage, located at 1029 Heather Lane, Grayling. \$550 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

FOR RENT Older 4 bedroom home located at 301 Huron St., Grayling. \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

FOR RENT Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. \$750 per month, \$750 security deposit required. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/2)

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE 1 full bath, range and refrigerator. No pets. \$350 a month plus security deposit, tenant pays utilities. 989-348-4716. (11/6/08tf/2)

3. Employment

MUNSON HOME HEALTH
MUNSON HEALTHCARE
Make a difference in someone's life by providing one-on-one care in clients' homes! Munson Home Services has openings for candidates with previous aide experience in any setting. If you are seeking job satisfaction and personal reward, this could be the job for you. **Personal Care Services Aides** may be needed near your home today! Competitive pay range based on experience. Apply at: www.munsonhealthcare.org Questions? Call: 800-968-2011 and ask for Gaylord Home Services EOE

MUNSON HOME HEALTH
MUNSON HEALTHCARE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST
MUNSON HOME HEALTH- GAYLORD
The ability to work inter-dependently with a team, a Michigan PT License and driver's license are the first steps towards a new and rewarding career in home health. Munson Home Care, the premier home health agency in northern Michigan, has positions open in Gaylord. The full-time position offers excellent benefits and the prospect of a company owned vehicle. Flexible PRN hours also available now.
Information: Karen Soltis, Manager
1-800-252-2065
Apply at: www.munsonhealthcare.org
EOE

2. For Rent

KITCHENETTE UNITS FOR RENT by the week or month. 989-348-8471. (12/4/08tf/2)

BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

LOG CABIN One mile from town, newly remodeled, garage, 2 small bedrooms, bath and a nice living room with fireplace. \$400 a month plus utilities. 344-3624 or 390-4635. (-4/2)

FOR RENT Like new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, attached 2 car garage, \$725 monthly. Absolutely no pets. Call Connie, 989-390-2888. (-20-27-4/2)

HOME FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath, wooded area, no pets, utilities and security deposit. Call Christine, 989-348-8621. (-4-11/2)

FOR RENT Beautiful family home. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage on three acres. Three miles from town. Rent includes sprinkler system and snowplowing. Security deposit, first month's rent and references required. Available January 1st. Call 390-5310 for details. (-4-11-18-25/2)

NEWLY REMODELED Fully furnished 2 1/2 bedroom home on west side of Houghton Lake. \$600 a month plus utilities. Perfect for temporary workers. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

3. Employment

WANTED Log truck driver, minimum 2 years experience. Wanted, chip van driver, minimum 1 year experience. 989-731-2794. (-4-11/3)

3. Employment

CARPET CLEANING Apply now. Excellent starting pay and production bonuses, \$400 a week. Overloaded with business. No experience necessary, will work with our equipment. Due to heavy workload, you must be able to start work immediately. Company training provided. Call for interview, Monday and Tuesday, 989-732-8439. (-4/3)

THE GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION is accepting applications for the position of a part time Section 8 Coordinator. Applications can be picked up at the Housing Office, 308 Lawndale, until close of business December 5, 2008. (-27-4/3)

4. Services Offered

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

SNOWPLOWING Oak firewood, rubbish hauling, chain saw work, roofs and walks cleared. Jerry, 989-348-7046. (-27-4-11-18/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (-4-18-4)

I CHARGE BY THE JOB not the hour. Snow shoveling sidewalks porches, decks, driveways and shoveling snow off small houses, trailers, sheds and garages. 348-5081, free estimates. (-4-11/4)

CHILD'S PLAY DAY CARE Accepting children, licensed, food, fun and crafts. Call 348-4249, M-72 West. (-4-11/4)

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

BASS	SPOCK	FLAW
AMAH	CLARA	TRIA
TYRO	OATEN	ENID
LAW	OF THE	JUNGLE
CAFE	PIGS	
ECLAT	SWI	THEM'S
GOOSE	ONE	ALA
GOVERN	OR	GENERAL
EKE	ANA	XITIE
DERBY	ENS	GISTE
LEAP	POHS	
NOW	INSITUATION	
OMIT	YEARS	OBOE
CASH	OCTET	WITS
KNEE	REEDS	STEP

SUDOKU

5	6	9	3	8	2	4	1	7
4	3	1	5	6	7	8	2	9
7	2	8	9	1	4	6	5	3
2	1	4	8	7	3	5	9	6
8	5	3	1	9	6	2	7	4
6	9	7	4	2	5	1	3	8
1	8	5	6	3	9	7	4	2
9	4	2	7	5	8	3	6	1
3	7	6	2	4	1	9	8	5

Century 21 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE, INC.
5688 M-72 West • Grayling MI 49738
989-348-5474
View all our listings with many photos of each listing on our website:
www.century21grayling.com

RE/MAX of Grayling
5728 M-72 West
(989) 348-7440
www.remax-grayling-mi.com

RECREATIONAL ENTHUSIAST (10 ACRES ADJ. TO STATE LAND) 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths with knotty pine tongue and groove hardwood floors in entrance. Kitchen offers snack bar with 6 bar stools. Weathered windows with Low E. Home and garage security alarm system. Detached 26x20 finished heated garage doors for easy in and out for snowmobiles. Home is furnished except for kitchen and personal items. Snowmobile out your door to state land and Blue Bear Trails. Secluded setting on 10+/- acres adjoining state land to the east. Move in condition! CS-2721 \$116,900

VERY WELL MAINTAINED HOME This immaculately kept home has an open floor plan with vaulted ceilings. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, snack bar with bar stools. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Patio door off dining area to back yard. Central air. Two car detached garage w/electric door opener. Move in condition! CS-2741 \$79,500

TURN THE KEY TO PROFIT 35' FROM THE RIVER'S EDGE 4 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,496 square feet with full unfinished walkout basement. New drywall. This is a handyman special. Would make a great rental. CS-2763 \$46,000

187' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM! Beautiful wooded acreage with mature white pines 1,104 s.f., two bedrooms, and two baths. Home features maple plank flooring throughout and gas corner fireplace. Home is in like new condition with drywall interior, quality wood blinds and two window A/C units. All appliances and some furnishings included. CH-2588 \$159,000

GREAT INVESTMENT!! Large family home on corner city lot. 2000 s.f. with three bedrooms and two baths located in the City of Grayling. Partial finished basement, large family room and enclosed porch. 1 1/2 car detached garage. Close to schools and the AuSable River. CH-2759 \$34,900

BANK REPOS. UNIQUE HOME ON THE AUSABLE RIVER 443' of secluded river frontage located in the city limits and across from the golf course. Very private setting with no visible neighbors. 3,075 s.f. home features 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. Amenities include: great room with vaulted ceiling, private rec. room with hardwood flooring, custom kitchen with island, ceramic tile flooring and countertops, and formal dining room. Natural gas fireplace. Firestone patio. Attached two car heated garage with lean to and blacktop drive. CH-2766 \$124,900

Office Hours: Mon - 9:30am to 5:30pm, Sat 9:30am to 12:00pm, Sun 9:30am to 12:00pm

1 Real Estate

1. Real Estate

4. Services Offered

1. Real Estate


Mich-Can Statewide Classified

Miscellaneous

For Sale

Schools

NOW AVAILABLE! 2008 Post Office jobs. \$18-20/HR. No experience. Paid training, Fed Benefits, Vacations. Call 800-910-9941
***TODAY! Ref #M108**
POST OFFICE NOW HIRING. Avg. \$20/hour/\$57K/yr. Federal Benefits, T. Placed by adSource, not affiliated w/USPS who hires. 1-866-166-7015 Fee Req.
REACH 3.1 MILLION Michigan readers with a 2 x 2 display ad for only \$999 - Contact the Crawford County
Avalanche at 848-6811 for details



Visit our office or websites
for our local listings.

Minimum charge, \$6.00 for the first 15 words, 10¢ for each additional word. Please use as many words as you like, one word per box. Includes listing on the Avalanche internet page.

989-348-6811 • www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

11. Automotive

\$6.00	\$6.10	\$6.20	\$6.30	\$6.40	\$6.50	\$6.60
\$6.70	\$6.80	\$6.90	\$7.00	\$7.10	\$7.20	\$7.30
\$7.40	\$7.50	\$7.60	\$7.70	\$7.80	\$7.90	\$8.00
\$8.10	\$8.20	\$8.30	\$8.40	\$8.50	\$8.60	\$8.70
\$8.80	\$8.90	\$9.00	\$9.10	\$9.20	\$9.30	\$9.40
\$9.50	\$9.60	\$9.70	\$9.80	\$9.90	\$10.00	\$10.10

CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY TUESDAY NOON

11 Automotive

1988 JEEP 4 door, runs and looks good, \$1,200 OBO. Call 989-348-5854 and ask for Pat. (-4/11)

CAR DETAILING Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle inside & out! 348-7710. (5/31/07/11)

2003 CHEVY TRAIL-BLAZER Extended, black, seven passenger, 4 wheel drive, dark gray interior, great condition. 107,000 miles, asking \$7,800. 989-390-2285. (-27-4/11)

11 Automotive

2003 FORD RANGER XLT 73,000 miles, beautiful, blue with top. Must sell, \$4,500. Call Chuck, 348-4297. (-4/11)

2002 CHEVY TRAIL-BLAZER LS 4 wheel drive, XM radio, can be towed behind motor home with Blue Ox. \$2,500. 989-348-5973, cell, 586-419-3240. (-4/11)

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05/11)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS ITEMS FOR SALE

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office will accept sealed bids from Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. until Friday, December 12, 2008 at 12:00 noon, at their office located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, for the sale of the vehicles listed below.

ITEM #1

2003 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN#2FAPF71W773X221785, 131,450 miles, minimum bid \$500.00

ITEM #2

2004 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN#2FAPF71W04X167120, 122,350 miles, minimum bid \$500.00

ITEM #3

1998 Ford Expedition, VIN#1FMPU18L4WLB19695, 163,575 miles, minimum bid \$500.00

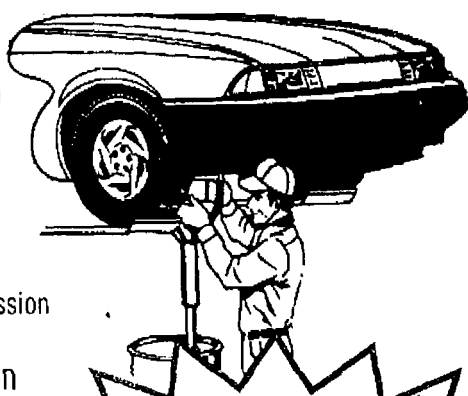
ITEM #4

2004 Chevrolet Pickup 2500 HD, VIN#1GCHK24U54E219230, 78,736 miles, minimum bid \$9,000.00

Vehicles may be viewed in the main parking lot near the green dumpster. The highest bidder will be contacted on Friday, December 12, 2008, after 1:00 p.m. and bid payment will be expected. Sales are as is and final.

OIL CHANGE IN 29 MINUTES

- Oil change (up to five quarts of oil)
- Oil filter
- Chassis lube
- Fluid level checks
- Brakes - differential
- transfer case - transmission
- windshield washer
- 25-point inspection



No Appointment
Necessary
Diesels Extra

AS LOW AS

\$28.95

SCHEER MOTORS Goodwrench

Hours: Mon 7:30 am - 7:00 pm • Tues - Fri 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
989-348-5451 - US-27 North, Grayling

SCHEER MOTORS



Customer: Shirley Galleck & Stanley Rohde
Salesperson: Laurie Scheer-Krey

Why I bought from Scheer Motors...

"Because we liked Laurie the last time we bought a car here. She's a very nice lady and a great salesperson." ~ Shirley & Stanley

Special of the Week 100,000 mile Limited Warranty

2008 Chevrolet Impala

4 door, 6 cyl., automatic power driver seat, CD player, and more!



Now Only \$16,988

"Your Hometown Dealer"

Certified Used Vehicle Hours: Mon. : 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Certified Used Vehicle

Tue - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Sat 9-2 • U.S. 27 NORTH • Grayling

www.scheermotors.com

CALL TODAY! 989-348-5451

Strong group of returners to lead wrestling team

Continued from 1B

"Cody Collen (145) was a state qualifier last year as a junior. Joey Contreras (189) was a regional qualifier last year. Shane Grove (171) is a senior. Josh Moggo (140) is another returner. Kyle Peters (heavyweight), a junior returner, got hurt in districts last year, but he should be at least a regional qualifier this year," Coach Ferrigan said.

"I think we'll start seeing some stuff out of our 10th graders - seeing some big things out of them. They know what to expect," Coach Ferrigan said. "Joe White (119) is one of those. Dan Duvall (125-130) - he's a tough kid. Zach Wolcott will wrestle at 152 or 160. Ashton Linkhart - he should be pretty dominant at 112. He was pretty tough last year."

"Derek Babbitt (160), a freshman, we expect him to step right into the lineup and win some matches. He's a tough kid," Coach Ferrigan said. "Matt Townsend, he'll probably be a 215-pounder. I think he's going to be pretty solid. Will Fowler (135-140) - he'll fit in there somewhere, find his way into the lineup."

Olivia Peters, who will be out for a couple of weeks due to an injury, will be back to contribute, Coach Ferrigan said.

"The rest of them are new kids - hard to say what they're going to do or how they're going to do," Coach Ferrigan said.

"We've got a heavily dominated upperclassmen team," Coach Ferrigan said. "If we're going to do anything, this is the year to do it. For the most part, we're looking pretty solid this year."

Grayling's athletic league - the Lake Michigan Conference - is in its fourth season with wrestling as an official conference sport. The Vikings won the LMC wrestling title in 2008 and 2006. The Vikings have also won two consecutive district



Photos by Caleb Casey

Cody Collen and Shane Grove, both of whom are seniors, face off during practice on Wednesday, Nov. 26.



Shayla Grove wrestles against Tyler Sharp during a recent practice at Grayling High School.

championships. Grayling will host team districts this year.

"We won a district title last year. We're shooting for a regional title this year," Coach Ferrigan said. "As far as our conference, they're probably going to be fairly tough. Traverse City St. Francis will probably be a team to beat, and Charlevoix is going to be solid."

The Vikings started their

official practices on Monday, Nov. 17. The team moved back to the high school this year for its practices, following several years of practicing at the middle school. With the completion of the new weight room at the high school, the wrestling team inherited the old weight room's space (upstairs behind the bleachers in the gym). The team is enjoying its new home.

"It's awesome - way better," Coach Ferrigan said. "We like it out here. It's nice having the locker room and it's a nicer practice area."

The squad has 16 regular season meets scheduled for this year, the first of which will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Mio.

"We have a full schedule this year," Coach Ferrigan said. "We're going to find out early in the year if we're any good."



Matt Townsend and Dennis Lund wrestle at practice on Nov. 26.



Josh Moggo grapples with Joe White during last Wednesday's practice.

Bowling Leagues

Recreation League

GMH-NCC. 34 - 18
Robin Smith CPA. . . 30 - 22
Days Inn. 29 - 23
Glen's Market. . . . 29 - 23
Grayling Nursing. . 24 - 28
TNT Charter. 23 - 29
American Legion. . . 20 - 32
Woody Girls. 19 - 33
High Series: S. Ross 505; S. Johnson, 502; K. Wheeler, 489. High Game: S. Ross, 201; K. Wheeler, 191; A. Stanley, 185.

Senior League

Dana Transport. . . 30 - 22
Flowers By Josie. . . 30 - 22
Gaylord Electric. . . 28 - 24
Sylvester's Sports. . 27 - 25
Lone Pine. 27 - 25
Kicking Grass. . . . 24 - 28
Spike's. 24 - 28
Bear's Den Pizza. . . 20 - 32
High Series Women: C. Clark, 480; D. Doremire, 474; J. Williamson, 461.

High Game Women: D. Doremire, 196; J. Cosgray, 175; D. Hollis, 170. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 558; J. Rasmussen, 510; K. Louchart, 487. High Game Men: J. Rasmussen, 213; K. Harris, 200; P. Faustman, 199.

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest. . . . 36 - 12
Ole Dam Store. . . . 31 - 17
T.C. Lawncare. . . . 28 - 20
Eagles Nest. 26 - 22
American Legion. . . 23 - 25
5 B's. 20 - 28
Ball Busters. 15 - 33
Tim's Collision. . . . 13 - 35
High Series: T. Rock, 602; J. Cousins, 507; L. Goltick, 489. High Game: T. Rock, 214; C. Clark, 188; D. Argue, 181.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Hard Balls. 56 - 28
Team Shocker. 51 - 33

Growlers. 45 - 39
Salon Rue. 44 - 40
Spikes #2. 43 - 41
GrayRock Cafe. . . . 33 - 51
AJD. 32 - 52
Spike's #1. 28 - 56
High Series Men: T. Sheldon, 583; M. Forbes, 548; L. Ostrowski, 531. High Game Men: R. Sartin, 226; J. Thayer, 220; T. Sheldon, 213. High Series Women: H. Indorf, 551; L. Mead, 465; S. Mead, 421. High Game Women: H. Indorf, 209; L. Mead, 169; E. Akers, 161.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Canadian Steak. . . . 55 - 36
Double Trouble. 52.5 - 38.5
McDonald's. 51 - 40
Fred's of Rosco. . . . 48 - 43
Miller Spillers. . . . 45 - 46
Last Call. 44 - 47
L & L Hauling. . . . 38 - 53
Legion. 30.5 - 60.5

High Series Women: K. Moshier, 494; M. Jankowski, 478; C. Osborne, 467. High Game Women: M. Jankowski, 198; K. Moshier, 175; C. Osborne, 173. High Series Men: P. Lewis and S. Pittman, 583; P. Benardo, 580. High Game Men: S. Pittman, 244; P. Benardo, 213; P. Lewis, 202.

American Men's League

McLean's Ace. 31 - 11
Dragon Repair. . . . 30 - 12
McNamara Ford. . . . 24 - 18
Sky Ripper. 24 - 18
Moore's Auto. 19 - 23
Fenton's Auto. 15 - 27
GADCO. 14 - 28
High Series: J. Thayer, 630; T. Kotrash, 611; L. Davis, 599. High Game: J. Thayer, 235; T. Kotrash, 232; J. Thayer, 231.